## KAPPA ALPHA THETA

L. PEARLE GREEN, Editor

VOLUME 28

MARCH, 1914

NUMBER 3

## Contents

Installation of Alpha Tau, Helen Parker Finch			271
Founders'-day			272
A message, Hannah Fitch Shaw			275
Boston alumnæ club, Abbie F. Potts			278
Value of alumnæ chapters, Leola Vancil Randall .			280
Officers' corner			282
The golden spectacles, Clotilde Grunsky			285
The University of Cincinnati, Iphigene H. Molony .			288
V. C. P., Alice M. Donnelly			290
Anti-fraternity legislation report			291
Editorials			304
Impressions of a French university, Clarice Ryther Kaufma	n		307
In memoriam			311
Chapter letters and alumnæ news			313
Exchanges			355
Directory			356

All manuscripts should be addressed to the Editor, L. Pearle Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. Material intended for publication must reach the Editor by the first day of the months of October, December. February, April.

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA is published the first of November, January, March. May, at 450-454 Ahnaip Street, Menasha, Wisconsin, by George Banta, official printer and publisher to the fraternity. Price 25 cents per copy. \$1.00 per year.

Entered as second-class matter October 18, 1909, at the postoffice at Menasha. Wisconsin, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

## The Pledge of Braternity Service

ADOPTED AT CHICAGO CONGRESS OF 55 SOCIETIES, MAY 1913

E, the Greek letter societies of America in convention assembled, do make the following declaration:

Whereas, we believe that the people of our country

are not familiar with the true purposes and ideals of our societies and with the actual conditions among the same:

the same

Now, therefore, we represented in convention at the City of Chicago by officers and delegates of our said societies, declare:

That it is our earnest wish and desire to inculcate in our various chapters or local societies, the principles of true womanhood and manhood; to promote the moral welfare of all our members; to stimulate and encourage scholarship; to prescribe obedience to all authority; to encourage loyalty to and active interest in the institution where they may be located; to foster a democratic and friendly spirit between our members and all others with whom they may be associated; and to inspire among our members a true, loyal and lasting friendship.

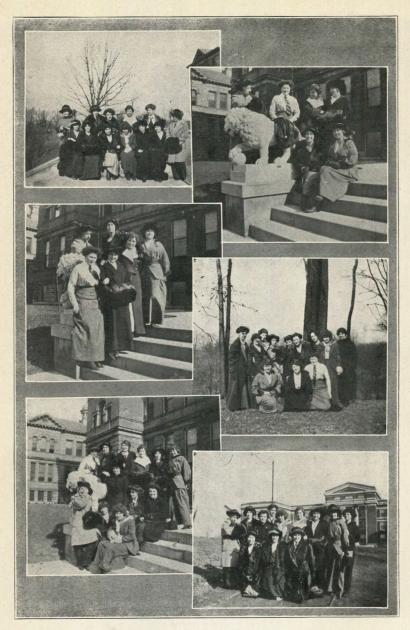
And we do further declare that to those ends we have, through our officers and councils, dedicated ourselves in the past and do pledge ourselves for the future; that where we fail we will remedy, and where we succeed, such shall be to us only an incentive to better endeavor.

And we do further declare that our association together in such societies is in fulfillment of the natural desire of all people to seek friendship among one another; and that we consider our members not as elected to any privileges, but rather pledged and dedicated to a life of striving for the perfection of our ideals.

And we do further declare that we welcome all sincere criticism of our conduct and lives, and do pledge ourselves to take counsel upon the same and to remedy all things wherein we may fall short of these ideals and principles.

And, remembering our long and prosperous existence, our opportunities and hopes for the future, our thousands of great and true members now in the service of the world, the thousands of our young men and women now in our brotherly care, and the service of many good and noble men and women given to the perfecting of these ideals,

We do pledge ourselves to promote these things in all ways and to continue our efforts to that end.



ALPHA TAU ON THE CAMPUS

## KAPPA ALPHA THETA

VOLUME 28

MARCH, 1914

NUMBER 3

## INSTALLATION OF ALPHA TAU

By HELEN PARKER FINCH, Omega and Cincinnati Alumnæ

From the victorious telegram on November 1, which made Alpha Tau a certainty, to the arrival of the first Grand officer for the installation on December 10, was a period of happy anticipation for V. C. P. and the Thetas of Cincinnati. Many days had been spent in preparation and planning and when December 11 finally arrived we could hardly realize that the great event was at hand.

On this day thirty-four active and alumnæ members of V. C. P. met at the home of Mary Louise Rutter and were formally pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. Pearle Green, our Grand secretary, led the service assisted by the resident Thetas. Then came the jolly-up and buffet supper—and as a fitting climax, the arrival of two more Grand officers, Mrs. Huffman and Miss Davis.

Friday morning was taken up in preparation for the initiation and the arrival of Thetas from far and near. There were official delegates from all chapters in District III and visiting Thetas from Gamma and Alpha Eta. In the late afternoon twenty-two alumnæ members of V. C. P. were initiated and they in turn saw twelve of their younger sisters, the active college chapter, through the same beautiful ceremony in the evening. It was a happy day for us all, particularly for Alpha Tau and the resident Thetas who had long hoped for such a culmination to their efforts.

On Saturday we gathered at the Hotel Alms for the formal installation. Hope Davis, our Grand vice-president, presented the charter to the new initiates and Kappa Alpha Theta added the thirty-fourth chapter to her roll. Then came the luncheon, a happy ending to three eventful days. Sixty-three Thetas, representing sixteen chapters, gathered round the rose-trimmed tables. As toast-mistress, Ruth Hyndman, Delta, called upon Jessamine DeHaven, District president, for the welcome to the new chapter. Alice Donnelly responded for the alumnæ and Katherine Brent Dabney

for the active girls. Mrs. Shaw, one of our Founders, told the interesting story of "Theta Beginnings" and expressed her surprise and delight at the evidences of the growth and wonderful development of our fraternity since the days of 1870. Hope Davis spoke on "Theta Symbols" and Harriet C. Burris on "Theta and Alma Mater". Eva R. Hall, our National Panhellenic delegate, gave us many valuable points on our relations with others in the Greek world. Pearle Green made a beautiful toast to our "Theta Chain" and Martha Cline Huffman to "Our Fraternity." The list was completed with the Loving-Cup Apostrophe and these are the Thetas who drank to the health of the new chapter; Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw, Pearle Green, Eva R. Hall, Martha Cline Huffman, Hope Davis, Jessamine De Haven and from Alpha, Harriet C. Burris; Delta, Ruth Hyndman; Epsilon, Mrs. Mabel Saybolt McMillin, Mrs. Minerva Criley Blackford and Mrs. Cecelia Remy Calhoun; Eta, Isabel Rizer and Helen Baker; Kappa, Mrs. Julia Benedict Howe; Mu, Margaret Simpson and Gertrude Hammond; Nu, Virginia Southgate; Omega, Helen Parker Finch; Alpha Gamma, Rive-King Bowman, Ruth Sigrist, Helen Barnhill, Helen Guy and Florence Minister; Alpha Eta, Frances Slemmons; Gamma, Helen Rogers Hand, Bernice Hall, Majorie Hall, Bonnie Applegate, Betty Stevenson, Katherine Jameson, Jeanne Lee Stewart, Cornelia Thornton and Edith M. Evans.

From four to six in the drawing rooms of the same hotel, Alpha Tau held a reception to its college and city friends in honor of the Grand council members and the visiting Thetas. They entertained delightfully and we were proud to hear the many sincere compliments paid our new sisters by those who knew them best. When the last guests had departed we gathered for a short fraternity meeting, then came the farewells, and Sunday morning found most of our visitors en route to their homes. Behind them were left two new chapters, active and alumnæ, which I'm sure will prove strong and worthy in representing Kappa Alpha Theta in the city of Cincinnati.

The charter members of Alpha Taus are: Amy Schoff, Alice Donnelly, Amy Foote, Sylvia Ewan, Louise Thompson, Julia Merrill, Florence Benedict, Geneva Redd, Mabel Spellmire, Hazle Cairns, Marguerite Resor, Florence Farbach Shine, Mary Perkins, Harriet Reid, Cornelia Atkins, Lucie Pfleger, Marjory Connor, Martha Rule Deuprée, Lulu Shinkle, Christine Porter, Jeanette Stone, Mary Louise Rutter, Dorothy Cummings, Ruth Murdock, Roberta Whallon, Madolin Serodino, Mary Cellarius, Marie Thiesing, Saradelle Emerson, Katherine Dabney, Iphigene Moloney, Nina Porter, Margaret Rucker and Katherine Page.

## FOUNDERS'-DAY

San Francisco.

The alumnæ chapter invited all members of the fraternity living within a radius of thirty miles of San Francisco to join the chapter in celebrating Founders'-day at a luncheon at the Bellevue hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, January 24. Eighty-four Thetas fore-gathered at this celebration; six active members of Phi, seventeen active members of Omega, and sixty-two alumnæ, representing almost every college chapter. It was a beautiful and charming affair, culminating with the following toast list presided over by Miss Henrietta Stadtmüller. "North", Mrs. Matthew H. Thomlinson; "South", Miss Mabel Symmons; "East", Mrs. Carleton H. Parker; "West", Miss Claire Soule; "Zenith", Mrs. A. E. Chandler; "Nadir", Miss Kathryn Lee Culver; "Here", Miss Pauline Pierson.

#### Detroit.

February 7 the Detroit alumnæ chapter celebrated Founders'-day with what it intends to establish as its annual reunion luncheon. Forty Thetas were in attendance, including thirteen active members of Eta who came up from Ann Arbor for the occasion. There was an attractive programme of toasts and music, following the delicious luncheon at the College club.

#### Baltimore.

Alpha Delta and Baltimore alumnæ chapters celebrated Kappa Alpha Theta's forty-fourth birthday together this year by having a luncheon on Saturday, January 31, at the College club. It was a most enjoyable affair under the general charge of Nell Miller (Mrs. Sidney). The tables were arranged in the form of a T and were tastefully decorated with greens, yellow candle light and hand painted place-cards made things look most attractive. There were thirty-six present and after a delicious menu had been served we toasted our Founders and our Fraternity to our hearts' content.

Indiana.

The state representatives of Kappa Alpha Theta met January 24, at the Severn hotel, to celebrate our Founders'-day with a brilliant banquet.

One hundred and eighty Thetas were seated at the tables in the Grill Room, which was beautifully decorated with pink candelabra, vases of sweet peas and ferns and smilax. From the balcony above, the sweet strains of harp music floated down to mingle pleasantly with the conversation of happy Thetas.

After an excellent menu, Louise Tutweiler Smith (Mrs. Foster V.) President of the Indianapolis alumnæ chapter, took charge of the programme, and introduced Mrs. Crockett (Bird Goslee) of Lafayette. Mrs. Crockett urged the girls to a greater interest in Purdue, saying that the vocational movement was changing conditions there, and gave the Theta aspirants at Purdue a most cordial endorsement.

Hope Davis, our Grand vice-president, spoke next. She gave a short talk on fraternity work, and made a strong appeal for a Panhellenic society in Indianapolis, so that all Greek-letter societies can meet together to discuss the new problems constantly arising in the colleges.

After this, instead of having the usual toasts, we listened to short addresses by Doctor Howe, President of Butler college, and Dr. Wm. Bryan, President of Indiana university.

Justification of the existence of college fraternities was the subject of Doctor Howe's address, and while he spoke of the joy coming from such organizations, and the good they may do, he expressed himself as strongly opposed to the snobbery that frequently develops, and also urged less secrecy. He advocated abolishing the custom of wearing fraternity pins on the college campus, and made a strong plea against the pledging of high school students.

President Bryan addressed us next on With the spirit and with the understanding. He spoke of the need of women in the serious work of the world, and warned against the useless waste of time by the women with too much leisure, urging women to do those things which are really worth while. The time devoted to clubs which have no real purpose could be much better spent in real work, in which will be found great joy.

President Grose of DePauw was to have spoken also, but was unable to be present.

Mrs. Betty Locke-Hamilton, and Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw, the two Founders of Kappa Alpha Theta who are still living, though unable to be present at the banquet, sent us loving messages.

Altogether the banquet was a splendid success, thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope the memory of it will linger so pleasantly in the hearts of all those present that they will allow nothing to prevent their presence with us again next year.

EDITH FULTON PAIGE (MRS. ARTHUR J.)

## A MESSAGE

## By HANNAH FITCH SHAW, Founder

There lies before me a goodly pile of letters and telegrams from North, South, East and West all bearing cheery messages of congratulation on our forty-fourth birthday. Each one carries its own personality and reveals to me two things; appreciation of what was done long ago, and—best of all—the ever widening influence for good that is being exerted by Kappa Alpha Theta.

It is a great satisfaction to know that the same high ideals that meant so much to us in the beginning have been sacredly cherished and have proved so helpful in building a great fraternity.

I have always been glad that I was included in the formation of the first chapter. The incentive that such an organization gave meant all the more to me because I was so far from home.

It is interesting to recall our eager anticipation while waiting for the first badges to be made. During that time Mary Stevenson was initiated. It seemed a long time before they came and when they were worn that first morning what a feeling of responsibility we had for the success of so daring a venture!

There was much curiosity as to where they came from, plenty of congratulations, and questions without number. On no account were we to give anyone any information on the subject.

That girls could have a secret fraternity was thought impossible and absurd. Our handsome badge was dubbed a "kite" and the opposition to coeducation furnished a favoring gale for our well made kite, a line of study held it aloft and after awhile as the line grew longer the kite rose higher and appeared smaller.

We were called Thetas always. The Greek-letter Theta is some times known as unlucky because it begins thanatos and was used to pass sentence on prisoners.

Theta's mission seems to have been to pass sentence on some of the common prejudices against coeducation, for at that time it was considered at best a doubtful experiment.

First was the claim that the course was too heavy for young women and the danger would be to health; next that there was great danger of lowering the standard; and worst of all, that if neither of these calamities occurred the young women would acquire a distaste for home life.

All these questions have been settled years ago, for health did not suffer, the standard was not lowered, honors were received, and thousands of college-bred women have found their widest influence in the home.

That we are proud of the record made by our fraternity is shown by our willingness to have our daughters become members for we want only the best for them, and is further shown by the alumnæ chapters that keep in touch with the work of the whole.

I had the rare privilege last summer of visiting a large number of western Thetas and the enjoyment was more than doubled because my daughter Ella was with me. On the way from Chicago to Spokane Miss Ruth Kelly of Mu was a delightful companion. At Portland two Thetas called on us and to them we feel indebted for our lovely day at Berkeley, beginning with an auto ride around the city and through the college grounds where we stopped to visit the library and see the wonderful Greek Theater. Then we were

taken through the chapter house, all admiration for the genius of our Theta architect, Julia Morgan, for such a complete, convenient, and artistic home. Then at the home of Miss Wilson were gathered more than three times as many members as Mrs. Chandler and Miss Haven thought could be present when they called on us in San Francisco, for so many were away from home.

Among the number present was one of our early members, Mrs. Clara Jenkins Kummer, whom I had known before the fraternity was founded.

At that meeting we learned of the prospect of a chapter at the University of Cincinnati. It seemed strange to hear of happenings so near home when we were so far away. It was good news to us, for it is pleasant to live in or near a Theta neighborhood.

At Los Angeles we spent a happy day with Mrs. Alice Allen Hawk and daughter Gertrude. Her sister Jennie Allen Bovard and her two daughters and her beautiful grandson made a most enjoyable circle. Forty years had passed since I had seen Mrs. Bovard, and Mrs. Hawk I had met but once since June, '73.

At Denver we were glad to be with Mrs. Mary Stevenson Buchtel and her daughters Emma and Mary. We saw the fine large college buildings and met several Theta alumnæ too.

In talking over Theta interests with my classmates I found the same enthusiasm as we had in the old days long ago, the same eagerness to know what was best to do in difficult situations that so often occur.

When the time came for the installation of the chapter at Cincinnati my daughter was busy with examinations at Indiana university. So I had to go alone, and my desire to see it all gave the installing officers an opportunity to show how very kind, attentive, and thoughtful they could be.

There was great interest shown in the installation by visiting members from other chapters, fourteen being represented.

As Miss Hall expressed so well, I may say the V. C. P's were very charming people and we are very proud to have such an addition to our number as the active and alumnæ chapters at Cincinnati university.

May Alpha Tau find a field of usefulness and ever grow and prosper.

### BOSTON ALUMNÆ CLUB

The Thetas resident in and near Boston have enjoyed two reunions, the first on December 6 at the English Tea rooms, which had never before seen such an exhibition of kite-flying, and the second on January 17 as the guests of Margaret Lothrop of Phi. At the latter meeting plans for organization were discussed and an executive committee was elected. The consensus of opinion favored a trial arrangement later to be developed into an alumnæ chapter. The novitiates are now enthusiastically reviewing the chapter roll and communicating with the sponsors of the national fraternity. Eagerness is unabated, and an atmosphere of suspense and curiosity hovers over the north Atlantic sea-board. The Hub is seeing stars.—

Abbie F. Potts.

The Thetas in and around Boston are as follows: (additions to this list will be welcomed gladly—address: Miss Ann E. Thomas, 16 Fairmount St., Tufts college, Mass.)

Bassett, Lida M. 96 Myrtle Street, Melrose.

Brown, Mrs. Arthur, 14 Wellington Road, Brookline.

Campbell, Clara, 1253 Beacon Street, Brookline.

Chase, Jessie E. 384 Harvard Street, Brookline.

Cook, Amey J. 32 Washington Park, Newton.

Cleveland, Maude, 3 Waban Street, Wellesley.

Coit, Mrs. Charles, 83 Brattle Street, Cambridge.

Cooper, Mrs. Katherine M. Deaconess Training School, Brookline,

Dane, Marion, 69 Erie Avenue, Newton Highlands.

Diall, Professor Florence, Simmons College, Boston.

Dilley, Mrs. Arthur U. Wrentham.

Eastman, Mrs. John, 16 Cottage Street, Wellesley.

Faust, Mary C. Barnard Hall, Shepard Street, Cambridge.

Field, Arline, 214 Newbury Street, Boston.

Fleming, Linna T. Grace Eliot Hall, Cambridge.

Goheen Frances, Wellesley college, Wellesley, Mass.

Holdane, Agnes, 53 Shafer Hall, Wellesley College.

Holcombe, Mrs. Arthur, 21 Follen Street, Cambridge.

Hopkins, Edna, 321 Brookline Avenue, Brookline. Houghton, Helen, 45 Garfield Street, Cambridge. Jackson, Mrs. Dugald, 51 Upland Road, Brookline. Jones, Elaine, 9 Concord Avenue, Cambridge. Kaufman, Mrs. J. Paul, 26 Garden Street, Cambridge. Kingsbury, Professor Susan, Simmons College, Boston. Leckner, Mrs. Myron, 174 Lexington Avenue, Cambridge. Lothrop, Margaret, The Arlington, 14 Arlington St. Boston. Merrill, Laura H. 34 Batavia Street, Boston. Mitchell, Mrs. Alexander, Billerica. Moreland, Mrs. Edward, 1404 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Morrison, Elizabeth, Cambridge Neighborhood House, Cambridge. Murlin, Mrs. L. H. 97 Hemenway Street, Boston. Newland, Mrs. J. H. 258 Ridge Street, Fall River. Perkins, Mrs. L. R. Franklin. Paisley, Mrs. William, 386 Broadway, Winter Hill, Somerville. Potts, Abbie F. Barnard Hall, Shepard Street, Cambridge. Redmond, Mrs. E. L. 41 Pilgrim Road, Longwood.

line.
Sharp, Mrs. Arthur Page, 14 Natalie Avenue, Melrose Highlands.
Spain, Helen, Hotel Princeton, 1277 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston.

Sayles, Mrs. Robert, 263 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill, Brook-

Thayer, Mrs. Edwin, Attleboro, Mass.
Thomas, Ann E. 16 Fairmount Street, Tufts College.
Thompson, Mrs. Ralph, Attleboro.
Todd, Mrs. Thomas, jr., 97 A Main Street, Concord.
Tirrell, Mrs. Prince, South Weymouth, Box 24.
Warburton, Mrs. Stacy, Sharon, Mass.
Weills, Grace, 106 Gainsborough Street, Boston.
Whittem, Mrs. Arthur F. 9 Vincent Street, Cambridge.
Wood, Margaret P. Danvers.
Wood, Marjorie, 32 Dana Street, Cambridge.
Yerkes, Mrs. Robert, 3 Fuller Place, Cambridge.

## VALUE OF ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

By MRS. LEOLA VANCIL RANDALL, Rho and Pittsburgh Alumnæ

The object of any alumnæ organization is to continue to carry out the help and advantages established in the college chapter life. This help may reach back to the members now in college life, or it may be a further developing of the alumnæ members banded together. In the establishment of an alumnæ chapter of a woman's fraternity, the greatest bond is that of the national chapter—Kappa Alpha Theta. There are apt to be but few from the same active chapter, and the chapter roll is drawn from so wide a scope, that to be sure of congenial members there must be some work or object of general interest. It does not suffice to say "I am a Theta, I join your ranks because I am a Theta". If you are yet an earnest Theta, you join the ranks because you wish to work for, and with, Thetas in the carrying out of some definite plan of work.

If meetings are for social life among yourselves only, it means that all the essential good of your fraternity life is past, and that the benefits derived from the organization in college life are only a memory to be talked of as a phase of college long passed. If your fraternity has had any REAL value for you, it does not exhaust its influence in active college life, but continues in after life to be spread—not only among its members, but among women at large. Help your neighbor woman in the same way you have helped your college classmate, even though she is not bonded to you. Help your younger fraternity sister just starting in college life, just as you were helped, or would have appreciated help.

A college woman should certainly be the most active, the most alive, the most competent of any of her sisters. She has been in an atmosphere peculiarly conducive to development along all lines, and it is her duty to let all her lights shine—to keep them bright by constant use, and to exercise her talents.

All people banded together have some excuse, some object for so doing. Ask yourself what is the excuse for the existence of your chapter. It is not an individual affair; not an organization from which you are necessarily to derive noticeable benefit. To a great extent you have had your benefits in your college chapter life; now

let them multiply within you and give out of your store to another. Let others benefit from you, and you in turn will be benefited. You get just as much our of anything as you put into it. If, as an individual, you are asking yourself "What am I benefited by belonging to an alumnæ chapter-what am I getting out of it?" ask yourself, "What am I putting INTO the life of the alumnæ chapter? Is any one benefited by my presence—am I helping the cause for which I am enlisted?" If not, change matters. Experiment for a year. Enter whole souled into the policy of your chapter and make it a success. If you have no policy-get one. No such good medicine for a lethargic, aenemic person as to get a hobby and ride it hard. It works equally well for an organization. College women have no right to unite under a banner with no cause. If it is "Love and help one another", accept it as such and live up to your motto. See to it that every visiting Theta is entertained, made to feel at home—taken care of, if only between trains. See to it that the care-burdened mother is relieved for a few hours that she may renew her enthusiasm at the matinée or the art exhibit. Let the business girl have an evening at your Club dance. Make lives brighter. Carry your alumnæ banner just as high as you sailed the kite of your college fraternity life.

Maybe you, as a chapter, have no original ideas. Then why not accept the keynote of your biennial convention as your motto. For two years work for the Scholarship fund. For two years work for Extension. In an alumnæ chapter of some twenty members, many travel far and wide in two years. Keep your eyes wide for openings for Theta—wear your pin—show your loyalty. Interest your-self in educational centers as you have not been interested since college days. Bring your news back to your alumnæ chapter; compare with your sisters and see if there are not some suggestions to be given to the committee on extension—some results from your endeavors that will count for Theta. Be ALIVE in any cause you undertake and you will find yourself again an ACTIVE Theta, with all your youthful enthusiasm, developing in broadmindedness, and a help to yourself and to others.

## OFFICERS' CORNER

### SOME IMPRESSIONS OF A NEW COUNCIL OFFICER

I F one visits a new place or goes into a new kind of work or has anything out of the ordinary befall her, she is asked over and over again, "And how do you like it?" till her every response sounds to her as bromidic as "The same to you," so current at Christmas time. I cannot complain of having been asked that question over often since I became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand council, but I think that maybe you Thetas may be interested in some of the things that have impressed me since I have had the opportunity to become acquainted with the inner routine of our fraternity.

In the first place, I never before realized how strongly and thoroughly we were organized, thanks to the women who have guided and given their fine best to Theta in the past. In such a large and scattered organization business necessarily takes some time to be transacted, but it is generally accomplished in a systematic and business-like way. Many people are involved therein and one delay often makes much trouble. The weakest point in this otherwise strong organization seems to be in the alumnæ chapters; in November, requests were sent to each of them that certain data be sent in "as soon as possible", among that data being the name of each chapter's representative for the Theta service board—at the present writing in the last of January, just seven of the thirty alumnæ chapters have answered that request!

The second thing that has mightily impressed me is the very cordial relation existing between the fraternities, particularly those eighteen working together in the National Panhellenic. It is through this union that the best in each is developing and that all together are becoming better able to show the people at large that fraternities are a strong power for good rather than a menace to the general welfare.

Then, I have come to realize how many big-hearted women there are who are giving themselves, heart and soul, to the cause of fraternity, to the development of the organization at large, or, more often, to the betterment of individual groups and to the care over the welfare and happiness of the girls within them. How anyone seeing this unselfish and devoted work which is bearing most mani-

festly good results on the lives of many, many girls can say that fraternities are of no value is far beyond my comprehension!

In looking over the files of extension questions that have come to me-and those files show applications from many and widely scattered groups of girls, only a few of which, comparatively, have been considered seriously and fewer still of these presented to the general vote of the fraternity-my enthusiasm in the cause of extension has increased tenfold. We all consider our organization very valuable to ourselves, why are we so slow and hesitant to allow other groups of fine girls in colleges and universities of firmly established reputation and promise, to share our privileges, and by their sharing increase them? Don't think I believe in rash or over hasty extension—I don't, but I do consider our present procedure out-of-date. It is certainly a rule of the minority when one chapter can keep out a group recommended after extremely careful deliberation and investigation by the members of the Grand council and voted for affirmatively by all the other college chapters. A ruling of our last Convention remedied this situation somewhat, but this is one question which it seems to me we should discuss thoroughly and be prepared to act upon in some radical way at our coming 1915 Convention.

If only you all could have been in Pullman and Cincinnati at the time of the installations of Alpha Sigma and Alpha Tau, our two baby chapters! I cannot speak personally of the former, but the biggest, deepest meaning of Thetahood never came home to me so forcibly as when I saw with the eyes of those Cincinnati girls the wonders of national fraternity and the big possibilities therein, unfolding little by little through the pledging, initiation, and installation ceremonies. And it is the big possibility of our fraternity's further development as a great good influence in the lives of college girls and older women, and through their lives upon a wider field that Theta has most of all impressed me. And so, even as these new impressions are flooding in upon me, may they also come to you and by their guiding influence help you to spread abroad the reputation of Kappa Alpha Theta as a great power for good.

Hope Davis.

#### INSURANCE

H OW many of our chapter houses are insured to the full value of their contents? The epidemic of fires in fraternity houses has made me wonder about provision against loss in our chapters from such cause. Sit down and take stock of your possessions, not forgetting the closets full of clothes. Perhaps it will require a special assessment to pay the premium, but the insurance may mean the difference between inconvenience and disaster.

Martha Cline Huffman.

#### A PLEA FOR A HISTORY

AGAIN and again I hear expressed the wish that we had a history of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta and of the establishment of our early chapters at the Universities of Indiana, Illinois, Cornell and others.

Those of us who were at Convention last June heard our Grand secretary give some intensely interesting facts about our early extension policy with regard to a group called Alphi Phi, at Syracuse. I believe our Grand secretary knows more than anybody else about our early history, but with all she has to do, would it be possible for her to compile a history?

Perhaps she would rather do it—than be bothered by somebody else who might attempt it, but I was thinking that the work might be assigned to some alumnæ chapter. It would be nice for them. At any rate it would seem a wise thing to begin this work while two of our Founders are still living. Their help would be invaluable. I believe many of us would be surprised to know just how much has been accomplished in these forty-four years.

I want to beg the Grand council that plans be made toward this end. We need a history.

Ruth Haslup, District VII.

#### THINGS THAT MAKE THE EDITOR'S WORK ONEROUS

TWELVE chapter letters received for this issue without the proper heading. The proper heading is the heading for your letter that appears in this issue.

One letter written on correspondence note paper. As copy to be

properly handled in the print shop must be on approximately 8x10 paper, this letter had to be copied, or else pasted onto standard size sheets of paper—the latter course adding to postage bills.

Two letters received with both sides of the paper written on, these, too, were on note sized paper. Both had to be copied, for the distribution of work in a composing room makes it impractical, if not impossible, to set copy from two sides of a sheet of paper.

## THE GOLDEN SPECTACLES

AN INITIATION TOAST, BY CLOTILDE GRUNSKY, Omega

If you had asked the litte girl and the scare-crow and the tinman what was the most beautiful thing in the world. I think they would have said the Golden City. To be sure they had never seen anything but the great wrought-iron gates and the high wall with its turrets and minarets that surrounded the town, but then they had often heard about what was inside. It was a wonderful place where the streets and the houses were of solid gold frosted and wrought in curious designs, where the fountains splashed and dripped, a golden liquid in golden basins, where the dew-drops glistened gold on the leaves, and the windows of the houses looked as though the sun were always shining on them. The inhabitants when they appeared outside were ordinary enough looking people, but it was whispered about that inside the walls they underwent a transformation and were golden too-and certainly they looked as happy as though there were a light somewhere in back of their eyes, as though perhaps, they might be all shiny and gold inside.

Now one day as the little girl and the scare-crow and the tinman were sitting outside the gate, looking over the same green fields and the same clump of trees to the same distant hills and blue sky that they saw every day, and wishing that they might see the wonderful city inside the walls, a group of inhabitants came out and asked them if they wouldn't like to enter. You can imagine how the little girl clapped her hands and the tin-man rattled his joints and the scare-crow was like to burst out in a thousand places for joy. As soon as they had given their consent, one of the inhabitants gave them each a pair of spectacles, which the little girl and the scarecrow and the tin-man thought was very queer, for they were queer spectacles and had no glass in them at all, but just rims. They noticed that the others all wore spectacles, too, however, so they didn't say anything but put them on and closed their eyes as they were told.

"Now—one, two, three!" The little girl and her two companions opened their eyes wide and then looked around them blankly. Why, this wasn't the place at all! That is—it was a city and a very fine one with nice brick houses and green lawns and flowers—but there was nothing golden about it and this group of people who stood around them and shook their heads and smiled—oh so kindly!—they wore ordinary work-a-day clothes and had ordinary work-a-day faces. "Isn't it wonderful?" they were asking. "Yes" said the little girl, for she wished to be polite, "But you know, there isn't any gold here at all. It—it's just like the outside after all." The inhabitants looked at her in blank amazement.

The little girl and the tin-man and the scare-crow visited for some time in the city and they never could quite get used to the fact that the inhabitants persisted in maintaining that the place was of gold even when shown to the contrary. They couldn't understand it at all until one day the little girl happened to notice that the spectacles which all the inhabitants wore were not quite like her own but seemed to have a film of gold over them. "So that's what it is," the little girl said to herself and she and the scare-crow and the tin-man tried to fix theirs up as best they could. They only succeeded fairly well, but it was astonishing what a difference it made.

At last the day came when the three of them were to be made citizens of the city. A great conclave of the inhabitants was called and the little girl and the scare-crow and the tin-man stood up before them. Then they were told that the first essential to citizenship in this strange city was to own a pair of golden spectacles. These were not given to you or loaned—but you must make them for yourself. And they showed them how to improve their own.

Now the name of the Golden City, as you have guessed is, Theta—and the Golden Spectacles are Love.

I wonder if we realize all the magic of our spectacles. The world as we see it is like the Golden City to outsiders—beautiful enough, but after all matter-of-fact, made of base materials. For most of us carry our hearts wrapped in an outer shell of pretense of trivial circumstance—and only they that wear the golden spectacles of love can find the sympathy and real sincerity beneath. The rest of the world is dependent on words, on looks, on things we do, to find us good or bad—but they with the golden spectacles can read our hearts and, understanding, can forgive our blunders.

We of the Golden City have the privilege of Friendship—of sister-hood. Within our gates we can depend on sympathy and understanding and love. We hardly realize how our hearts have built themselves upon this faith until we think, "What if it were not so?" Should any Theta ask for sympathy and find no hand outstretched to help her? Or should she offer you her heart and have you look away?

We are too prone to criticize, not realizing quite the enormity of what we do. He who really wears the Golden Spectacles cannot criticize harshly—for he understands and judges kindly, even as he would himself. There are many things which we do which we do not like in ourselves, often things for which we would never forgive ourselves if we did not feel certain somehow that the balance in the end was right. And shall we not extend this lenience to others—at least to those we love, our sisters? We often give a false importance to our criticism. To be pat with our judgments, to have strong and prompt dislikes, we count distinction. But after all it only shows a lack of charity, of deeper understanding. Not that we should not distinguish between what is good and what is bad, but that we should recognize them both in their complexity. There is so much doubt—shall they not have the benefit of it as well as we?

We come into Theta the city. There be those among the inhabitants whom we would not have chosen for ourselves. But it is not ours to choose for whom we would put on the spectacles. For this it is to be a citizen—not that we wear a pin, not that we work to bring others into citizenship, not that we boast to outsiders of

our city, but that we live with open heart to all our sisters, searching with the spectacles of love for what is good, overlooking no faults, condoning no faults, but understanding them and giving loving help, not criticism or dislike. For our ideal is love—and our city is golden, you remember, only as we make it so.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

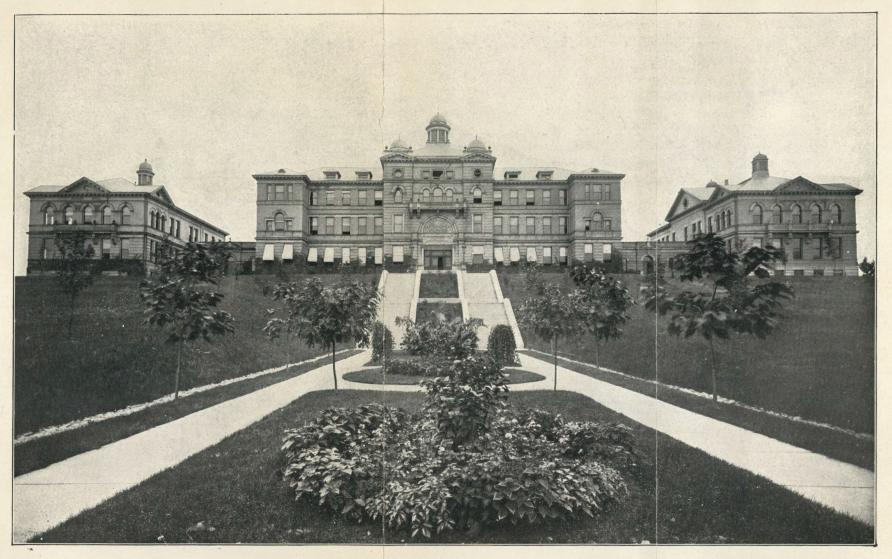
IPHIGENE H. MOLONY, Alpha Tau

We fear you all do not know so much of our university as we should like to have you know, so we are going to proceed to enlighten you.

The University of Cincinnati consists of five colleges, College of liberal arts, Engineering college, College of medicine, College for teachers and the Graduate college. Its home is situated in the midst of a woody campus, "Burnet Woods," on a rather high hill whose green and well kept lawn is a sight to refresh the eyes. A long flight of white steps leads up to the main lecture hall and gathering place, which we call McMicken hall after the gentleman who originally endowed the university. The left and right wings of this building are known as Hanna and Cunningham halls. They are four stories high and composed of yellow brick so covered with ivy that one can scarcely see the bricks in the leafy seasons. It is traditional that each departing class plant, with great ceremony, a piece of ivy to keep its memory green. We consider this a pretty sentiment and a way of decorating our buildings.

The new gymnasium is our pride and joy with its ample space and up-to-date equipments. But the greatest reason for our love of it is the clear, white tiled swimming pool. Everyday, from one to three, the pool is filled with happy girls splashing around and enjoying themselves to their uttermost. The men have the privilege of it at other times. You see we're very fair and equal in our treatment of both sexes.

Among other buildings are those of the medical college which, however, is not on the campus. At present it is situated nearer town but we are planning to rebuild on the campus adjoining the new



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
McMicken Hall with its South Wing—Cunningham Hall—and its North Wing—Hanna Hall

Cincinnati hospital. Then there is the library, of stone with a red dome, the engineering building and a cute, little power house. These last two and the gymnasium have only been completed within the last four years. Plans have just been drawn up for a Woman's building to contain everything distinctly feminine about our university, the departments of vocational training for women, not as yet a part of the university, and all sorts of convenient study and meeting rooms for the girls. Our Dean of women, Emilie Watts McVea, has striven to make this building ideal a reality, and for it we owe her more thanks than we can express.

Not having dormitories, we are in some respects, decidedly handicapped. We can see this but, on the whole, we do not greatly feel their lack. Living at home has its advantages, too.

There is one thing for which we are particularly known throughout the United States, and which brings us men from every corner, from Mexico to Maine. That is the co-operative course for engineers whereby a man works two weeks and studies two weeks alternately, thus getting practice as well as theory, and earning his way through college besides. Dean Schneider's course is the first which made a financial success. We are, also, a perpetual university, running both day and night classes. If we are residents of Cincinnati our college education, aside from a few fees, is practically free to us.

One thing that delights every student, is our new lunch-room, opened this February. Domestic science students do the cooking which is of the wholesome, yet dainty, variety you read of mother making. It's aesthetic too, for the china is decorated with the red U. C. and even the silverware is engraved with U. C.'s initials. Adding to this, the fun of serving yourself, we feel that we have an ideal place for luncheon.

Our total enrollment for the day students is about two thousand. It supports seven men's fraternities, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Nu (local) and five women's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi Psi, (local), Chi Omega and Kappa Delta.

We should love to talk on and on to you about our student activities, our ambitions, our desires for improvement, but that would take weeks and weeks. So we shall only say, we are very proud of being a part of the University of Cincinnati, very glad that Kappa Alpha Theta has recognized her worth, and very hopeful that she will never regret that recognition.

## V. C. P.

By ALICE M. DONNELLY, Alpha Tau and Cincinnati Alumnæ

Until 1891 there were no sororities in the University of Cincinnati, but in the spring of that year the idea of forming one first occurred to Selma Winkler, whose brother, Professor Max Winkler of Michigan university, was able to give her considerable information as to the women's societies then existing in Ann Arbor. With six others she entered into correspondence with the New York Sorosis, hoping to form a branch of that society, but after some delay was informed that Sorosis did not intend to charter any more college branches.

An independent society was therefore founded, and a constitution adopted by seven charter members, Selma Winkler, Alice Murray, Alice Schoff, Leah Block, Clara Langenbeck, Emilie Esselborn and Amanda Frank. Two of these were graduates, as from the beginning one of the primary objects of the society was to keep graduates and students in close touch with one another, and it was provided in the constitution that the president should always be a graduate, while all other offices might be held by undergraduates.

Seven members were added in the following year and gradually the little group became a large and flourishing society, until in 1913 it numbered about one-hundred-fifty members, nearly half of whom were still actively interested in the affairs of V. C. P. On October 21, 1911, the society celebrated its twentieth birthday by a large reception, which nearly one hundred members attended or remembered by greetings from afar. In that twenty years V. C. P. had taken an important part in the social life of the university and had been foremost in all activities of student and graduate life. For



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI Engineering Building

many years it helped to carry on the work of a University settlement and contributed annually to its support from the treasury and by giving entertainments to meet unusual demands. Every call for help, whether from Athletic organizations, or Woman's building, or charitable relief, found V. C. P. ready with a loyal and practical response.

V. C. P. girls have carried this habit of loyal service into many walks of life and have made good wherever they have gone. They are scattered over the world, but nearly all are still interested enough in their sorority to send words of regret in answer to the news that V. C. P. was to go out of existence as a society, and cordial good wishes for its larger future as a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

# REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-FRATERNITY LEGISLATION

Analysis of and Recommendations Based on Replies of 88 College Presidents and Many Chapters from The Phi Gamma Delta, December 1913

The principal business of the Interfraternity Conference, held November 29 in New York City, was a consideration of the antifraternity sentiment and legislation that is now menacing college fraternities. The discussion was based on an interesting and valuable report rendered by the following committee "On Anti-fraternity Legislation": George Banta, Phi Delta Theta, John L. Kind, Delta Tau Delta, and Walter J. Sears, Sigma Nu.

The report, which covers seventy-one printed pages, is an analysis of the replies that were received by the committee in answer to two letters that were sent out, the one letter being sent to the presidents of all institutions where there are chapters of national college fraternities, and the other being sent to all the fraternity chapters in those schools where the anti-fraternity agitation has been keen.

The following letter was sent by the committee to the presidents of 151 institutions:

"The Interfraternity Conference has appointed this committee

to secure and report all possible available facts as to the causes of the present agitation against the Greek fraternities, and from those facts endeavor to devise remedies for whatever faults may have appeared in the fraternity system. It is the earnest desire of the Conference to cooperate with the authorities and to assist in making the chapters within their sphere of influence an assistance to the men in them and to their college authorities.

"Believing as we do that our fraternities fill a real want in the lives of our undergraduate boys while they are in college, we earnestly desire that the orders shall do nothing but fill that moral and legitimate place intended.

"To this end we ask you to communicate with us on the subject. We ask you to advise us as to wherein they have failed to perform that duty at your institution, if they have failed, to tell us what have been their sins of commission, if sins there have been, and to give us the benefit of your suggestions and your advice. We are seeking both light and advice and will thank you for either."

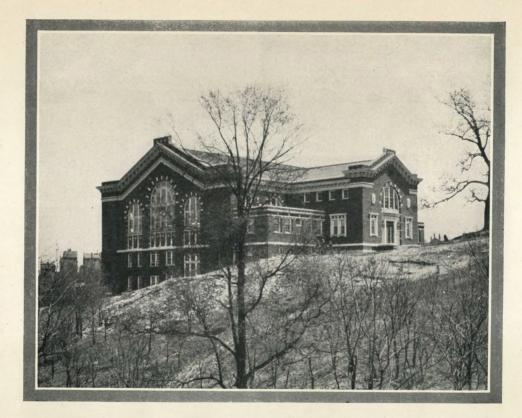
Of the 88 replies that were received from college presidents, 74 were either unreservedly favorable to the fraternities or favorable with certain criticism of faults to be remedied, 7 of the replies were unreservedly hostile to college fraternities and the other 7 answers were indefinite as to the personal views of the writers.

## Our Weak Points Analyzed

Following is an analysis of the 88 letters, and following each point there is mentioned in brackets the number of letters that mentioned that point:

A-Favorable to the Fraternity system. (74)

- a. Because of:
  - 1. Scholarship. (10)
  - 2. Conduct and morality (discipline). (20)
  - 3. Loyalty to college. (9)
  - 4. Democracy. (1)
  - 5. Chapter houses. (2)
  - 6. Satisfying the wholesome human instinct for friendship. (11)
- b. With criticism of:



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
The Gymnasium

	1.	Scholarship. (14)
	2.	Morality. (3)
	3.	Loyalty to college. (2)
	4.	Democracy. (13)
	5.	Chapter houses. (14)
		α. Scholarship. (3)
		β. Morality. (2)
		γ. Loyalty to college. (2)
		8. Democracy. (3)
		ε. Social extravagance. (3)
	6.	Social extravagance. (10)
	7.	Literary and debating societies. (2)
	8.	Wasting opportunities. (2)
	9.	Excessive indulgence in student activities. (1
	10.	Student politics. (5)
c.	Wit	h recommendation concerning:
	1.	Alumni interest.
	2.	Rushing, pledging and initiating.
	3.	National supervision.
	4.	Faculty interest.
	5.	Desirability of establishing more chapters.
B-Unf	avor	able to the Fraternity system. (7)
Bed	cause	e of:
	1.	Scholarship. (4)
	2.	Conduct and morality (discipline). (2)
	3.	Social extravagance. (1)
	4.	Student politics. (1)
С-Ехр	ressi	ing no personal bias, but mentioning (7)
	1.	Scholarship. (3)
	2.	Loyalty to college. (1)
	3.	Democracy. (2)
	4.	Social extravagance. (3)
	5.	Literary and debating societies. (1)
		Desirability of national supervision. (1)
	7.	Rushing. (1)
	8.	Student politics. (2)

As viewed by 88 college presidents who were enough interested to answer the letter, the principal objections that they have to college fraternities are because of poor scholarship, lack of democracy and social extravagances. This criticism from college executives should prove an invaluable hunch to college fraternities as to where they are weakest and where they should strengthen themselves.

## What the Chapters Report

A second letter, as mentioned, was sent to all the fraternity chapters, both national and local, in the following institutions: Wooster, Ohio University, Ohio State, Miami, Texas, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Alabama, Emory and Wisconsin, which of late months have been the stamping grounds of anti-fraternity agitation.

The gist of the questionnaire sent these chapters and the answers returned are thus summarized:

Question 1. What reason was assigned by the enemies of fraternities for their efforts to suppress them?

- 1. They are undemocratic, un-American, clannish, and cause the students to segregate into cliques.
- 2. They are selfish, snobbish, vain, exclusive, and sever close friendships.
- 3. Loyalty to the fraternity is greater than loyalty to the alma mater.
  - 4. They monopolize college affairs and social life.
  - 5. They place undue emphasis on social affairs.
  - 6. They foster dissipation, extravagance, luxury, and loose living.
  - 7. They cause low scholarship.
  - 8. They give young men the wrong view-point of life.
  - 9. They use political power corruptly.
  - 10. They waste their opportunities.
- 11. They fail to participate in the literary clubs, Y. M. C. A., Commons and debating societies.
- 12. They embitter young men and women who are excluded from the "good things in life."
  - 13. They are secret.
  - 14. The chapter houses spoil the freshmen.
  - 15. There is too much horse-play and deviltry.

- 16. They do not choose members on the basis of merit.
- 17. They have a general demoralizing influence.
- 18. Chapter houses have an immoral influence on members.
- 19. They shield the wrong-doer.
- 20. They attempt to use influence with faculty to keep poor students in college.

## Question 2. In your opinion had the fraternities made any mistakes that would cause criticism, and if so, what?

- 1. Those outside have been allowed to see only the external features of fraternities.
  - 2. There has been too much rough-house initiation in public.
- 3. The fraternities have not waked up to a realization of their responsibilities.
- 4. Students have too often been judged by their fraternity affiliations rather than by their merits and ability.
  - 5. Low scholarship, dissipation, clannishness.
- 6. Too much stress has been laid by some at times upon political machinations, ostentatious rushing, dress, and usurpation of social life.
- 7. Members have too often been selected who came to college for a short time only to enjoy themselves.
  - 8. Ostentatious and extravagant methods in rushing.
  - 9. Extravagance.
  - 10. Inclination to place fraternity before alma mater.

# Question 3. What recommendation would you make as to correcting such mistakes, if any?

- 1. Faculty control of fraternity chapters and houses.
- 2. Regulation of chapter houses by alumni.
- 3. Strong Panhellenic organizations to control interfraternity relations.
  - 4. Faculty adviser for each chapter.
  - 5. Sophomore pledging and initiation.
  - 6. Rejection of high school fraternity men.
  - 7. High scholastic standing as eligibility for pledging.
- 8. Publication of the standings of all students, giving averages of fraternity and non-fraternity students.
  - 9. Breaking up of political combinations, electing on merit.

- 10. Increase in the number of members of every chapter. More chapters.
- 11. Constant agitation in fraternity journals in favor of a simpler and saner style of living.
- 12. More free time from fraternity concerns, so that fraternity members may devote more time to other matters as they deserve.
  - 13. Elimination of tendencies towards loose living.
- 14. More frequent entertainment of non-fraternity students at chapter houses.
  - 15. Pledging of high school students should be eliminated.
  - 16. High school fraternities should be exterminated.
  - 17. Members should be selected more carefully.
  - 18. Ostentatious rushing should be toned down.
  - 19. Rough-house initiations should be eliminated.
  - 20. More concentration on scholarship.
  - 21. Written bids.
- 22. Heartiest cooperation in every movement for the good of the university.
  - 23. Conduct should be more guarded.
- 24. Prejudice should be allayed by dissemination of real truth about fraternities.
  - 25. Abolish chapter tables.

## The Committee's Recommendations

"Your committee does not feel that the real basic reason for concrete attempts at legislation to abolish fraternities is to be found in poor scholarship, bad morals, or any other of the objectionable features of fraternity life that have been charged against us, however prominently these accusations have been placed in the foreground by our opponents, and no matter how willing we are to recognize these faults ourselves. We do not believe that the men who start and carry on the agitation which has engaged so much of our attention the past year really care a copper about these faults with which they confront us. These issues are merely charges which they have introduced into the situation for the sake of having a definite point of attack. They dragged these in, so to speak, to strengthen their case. It is our conviction that when we trim the situation down to the psychology of

the matter, we have before us merely the battle of the 'outs' against the 'ins'; that it is, in short, simple, common, every day, human nature.

"Figures convincingly show that the source and fountainhead of the opposition to fraternities does not lie in the faculties of the institutions. It does not lie among the common people of the country, for they have no interest, whatever in the question and most of them know nothing whatever of it. It does not lie, to any great extent, among mature people who know of the universities and colleges and are acquainted with their conditions. Everything to our mind points to the fact that the opposition to the agitation is found in and springs from the undergraduate non-fraternity student.

"The burden of complaint is still too often that the scholarship of the fraternity men is below proper standard. More than one college president has pointed out that while the presumably picked men of the fraternities should normally have a higher scholastic average than their non-fraternity fellow students, they actually have a lower average. This is a reasonable complaint with which we should find no fault. If our members are picked and still fall behind in comparison with the rest, it is a condition which we cannot justify.

"The first recommendation we make, therefore, is that each fraternity take upon itself the work of demanding of its chapters the best there is in them in the way of scholarship. By this we mean not merely preachment at the chapters in general terms, or the mere uttering of good advice, tritely phrased. The most futile vocal exercise on earth is preaching at boys. But whatever machinery may be devised and employed, however diverse its forms, the one necessary thing is that it be uniformly used by all of us and be such as to reach down to our undergraduate, grip him, appeal to him, and affect him.

"Working under the fair theory that every college student outside of a fraternity is at least a possible enemy for the fraternity system we believe that we may find in him a field of suggestion. While the Conference may not venture within the private grounds of the individual fraternities we feel that there is at least one thing we may advise. We refer to the encouragement of local fraternities endeavoring to secure the charter of a national order. It is the

fashion in some institutions for the already existing chapters to frown upon and discourage groups of non-fraternity men aspiring to nationalization. One instance is before us at an institution where fewer than twenty per cent of the available student body are members of fraternities and yet the local fraternity sentiment, when sounded, was hostile to new organizations. Within recent years several instances may be cited where the local interfraternity organization has refused to admit chapters of the newer and smaller fraternities. We suggest that such a policy is unwise, and recommend that especially at all points where a heavy preponderance of the student body is outside of the fraternities, active encouragement be given all aspirants for new charters in such institutions, and even that the chapters already existing, wherever it can be done in a proper way, inspire non-fraternity men to organize for the purpose of bringing in new chapters.

"There is, too, much complaint of 'snobbishness' on the part of the fraternities. Not all the objectors define what they mean by this. We think its definition depends upon the view-point of the one laying the charge. We have known instances where one chapter indicted a sister chapter in the same college on this count. But we all know pretty well what our accusers before the legislatures mean and they all mean the same thing. They mean an apparent contempt for, and a neglect of the non-fraternity men by the Greeks. They usually have some ground for it.

"In any event, we may well address ourselves to this charge against us. It is the one that our accusers really have most at heart—indeed it is the real reason, so far as we have given them any reason, outside of our mere existence, for their antagonism. In this day of the New Democracy it is a dangerous charge. We believe there is some machinery, easily created, that will help us.

"We suggest that at the points where the agitation exists, committees be appointed to directly consider this charge, and devise ways whereby the chapters can be drawn out of their 'splendid isolation' and brought more into contact with their non-fraternity fellow students. So far as possible each fraternity might well be represented on such a committee by one of its men on the faculty, an alumnus in the town, and an undergraduate. In institutions where,

on account of the large number of fraternities represented, a committee so constituted would be too large and unwieldy, it might be best to allow each chapter one undergraduate representative, limiting the alumni membership to five or six alumni who would be chosen irrespective of their fraternity affiliations on the basis of their active interest in and influence upon fraternity affairs. These alumni should be chosen from among both faculty and town men. If this conference establishes a permanent Committee on Anti-fraternity Legislation, such local committee above suggested might well work in harmony with such permanent committee.

"And we further especially recommend that to either the proposed permanent Committee on Anti-fraternity Legislation of this Conference, or to a special committee created for the purpose, there shall be assigned the duty of encouraging and inspiring the organization of such local committee at the institutions where there has lately been agitation against fraternities and that immediately upon the appearance of similar organized hostility at any college not now so affected, it shall be the duty of such committee to include such new point within the field of its labors. The conference has been pressed to take action to assist chapters under fire within the year. We respectfully point out that we believe in this recommendation the Conference will find one definite thing it can do to materially assist.

"This recommendation is made with the idea that the local organization shall be formed either by the intervention of the committee working directly with the chapters interested, or through the officers of the respective fraternities whose chapters are involved. We make the point that our defense in battle is invariably a local matter and that it cannot be conducted by those who are strangers to the locality. The most that this or any other organization can do is to aid our local men to organize, to advise them, and to be in position to make ready response to their calls for information or aid should they make such calls.

"In this connection we recommend that so far as human nature will permit, such names as 'barbs', 'barbarians', 'outsiders', etc. be eliminated entirely from the vocabulary of the Greeks. They have always been offensive to the non-fraternity men, and justly so. Their

use is one of the needless little aggravations that cannot be justified on any ground whatever.

"The committee is in grave doubt as to whether the system of delaying pledging until the student has reached his sophomore year is wise or helpful. It assumes in advance that the freshman will not only be subjected to evil conditions and influences as an associate of his fellow students in his chosen fraternity, but also that he will escape the influence of evil associates outside the fraternity. It presupposes a massing of harmful surroundings not to be found elsewhere in the student body. The assumption is illogical and not in harmony with either the facts as we know them, or the evident opinion of the college authorities as to the principle of undergraduate fraternity organization. As a remedy it does not address itself to the cure of the faults which the authorities want us to reach. We can see no direction in which it is effective for good, while it is harmful to the fraternity and deprives the freshman of an association that we can make most valuable to him. If a student ever needs the advice and direction of his fellows, it is when he is a freshman. If ever the advice, counsel and direction of an upperclassman is needed it is in the boy's first year at college.

"We can see no good reason for postponing pledging until the sophomore year. We can see no reason for postponing it at all. That initiation may be postponed a semester, or even till the sophomore year finds plenty of reasons to support it. It relieves the fraternities of the burden of a considerable number of men who remain in college too short a time to ever be of any use to the fraternities. It has disciplinary value to the freshman—much more value than he can extract from remaining at college through his freshman year without control or guidance. It may even become a factor in bringing him back to his studies as a sophomore and assist in giving him a definite impulse toward a completed course.

"We recommend an amendment to our by-laws creating a standing committee on anti-fraternity legislation. It is not to be assumed that the agitation is finished, and the reasons impelling the appointment of this special committee obtain with equal force after the adjournment of this session of the Conference. There is further re-

search work to be done, further study to be made. There should be a special centralized body within this conference to assist at points of attack in the future, in all ways whereby the general fraternity interest can contribute to the aid of those in active battle.

"It is well to say that the experience of last winter proves that the brunt of battle must be borne by the local forces in every case. At the same time we have seen that those in the battle line have sought and found aid in each fight from experienced ones away from the scene of actual conflict. A standing committee steadily working to gather information will find demand for its services at more than one infected point within the next two years. (Such a committee was appointed—Editor.)

"There is considerable reference on the part of the college presidents to the alleged extravagance of chapter life and the undue expense involved in membership in a fraternity. There is no doubt that the fraternities have responded to the nation-wide impulse toward luxury and unnecessary expenditure. Every writer upon the subject of the extravagant tendencies of the day, points out that it is confined to no one class of people, or even group of classes, but is a prevailing characteristic of Americans in general. The fraternities are not more guilty in this regard than the rest of American institutions, nor are our boys, as a whole, more guilty than their elders.

"Among the replies we have received, at least one college president, in making his charge of extravagance against the fraternities, has specified the initiation fee as one feature of this extravagance. Your committee is inclined to agree with the complainants that the chapters have been inclined to overcapitalize the freshman by charging him an excessive initiation fee. It is not uncommon for chapters to close the collegiate year in debt for the running expenses of the chapter during the year. It is considered then good finance to get from their freshmen at the beginning of the year as much ready cash as possible by means of the initiation fees. The regulation of the amount of the initiation fee being, probably, invariably within the control of the chapter, the tendency is to make it as large as the traffic will bear. The result very often is that in all institutions men who are really desirable for fraternity purposes and wanted by the

chapters are kept out because they are financing themselves and simply can not afford, frequently, an extra \$25 payment for initiation fee. We all have known numerous cases of this sort.

"The keeping out of good men in this way lends color to the argument that fraternities are undemocratic. The way into a fraternity should be made the easiest possible for a first class candidate, no matter how poor he may be in the world's goods.

"It is argued also, on the other hand, that in the case of students who are not self-supporting the initiation fee places an unnecessary and often intolerable burden upon the parents at home that is unwarrantable and unjustifiable, and we recommend specifically a change of policy in the direction of substantial reduction in the initiation fee.

"Two of the presidents of colleges have, in their replies, definitely declared themselves opposed to the high school fraternity. As will be observed in the reading of that part of this report which deals with the replies received from active chapters in different institutions where there has been opposition, our undergraduate men themselves, to quite an extent, see the danger to us flowing from the high school fraternity and recommend its abolition.

"It is noteworthy that more than one fraternity has, within the past year, definitely and positively legislated against the admission, after the next year or two, of boys who belong to these organizations. Many others have strongly declared against them, although their action is, as yet, only advisory. The Panhellenic congress of the sororities in October, 1913 went definitely and finally on record and forbids after 1915, the initiation of any member of a high school sorority into any of the organizations of membership in the Congress.

"While, of course, the Conference cannot legislate against them it can add its voice against them.

"We believe that there is much opposition to the college fraternities which is born of ignorance. While we are certain, it is true, that the actual point of opposition comes from the non-fraternity men of the colleges, they yet are able to seize upon and use the well grounded opposition of members of the legislature to these high school organizations because the legislators are not well enough posted to know the difference between a college fraternity and a high school 'frat.'

We feel it is not only an altruistic service for the fraternity men of this Confernce to do everything in their power to eliminate these high school concerns, but we believe such opposition would be an extremely valuable measure of self protection." (Conference recommended that after due warning the fraternities refuse to admit members of high school 'frats'."—Editor.)

Our enemies hold us responsible for society's foibles.

The sororities, like the fraternities, profess to be founded upon a mutual pledge to lofty principles. If this be true what sorority, with consistency, can afford to affiliate with a woman who believes that she ornaments her beauty by crowning the glory of her wardrobe with an emblem of murdered mother-hood? Unless the sororities look for character, unless they purpose to initiate women instead of wardrobes the time must come when they will fall. For so thoughtless a bond of union must be without real heart depth, without real sincerity, wholly without character.

If the sororities, as the fraternities, profess as they did last winter before the legislature, that they in themselves represent the spirit of democracy and foster democracy, let them prove it by their daily lives, by their process of selection and by their declaration of cementation.

The girl who will wear an aigrette is not only impossible to any society that stands for character or for an ideal but she is a complete misfit in any university which is created by democracy and pledged to the growth of democracy.

The college girl with an aigrette is an anomaly. The aigrette represents the aristocracy of brutality, vanity, hard-heartedness, the aristocracy of conquest, aye, the cheap and cowardly aristocracy of woman's warfare on a beautiful, innocent, harmless and helpless mothering bird. The people's university, on the contrary, represents the aristocracy of intellect, the aristocracy of heart-sympathy, the aristocracy of generosity, of life giving and life fostering.

If our sororities have standards that are consistent with the standards of our university, founded upon and pledged to democracy, they must foster the finer instincts of womanhood rather than the baser instincts. The sorority that stands for principles which are in common with the principles of such a university as ours will realize that the aigrette is a barrier to membership rather than a passport to its privileged circle.—Editorial Wisconsin State Journal.

## **EDITORIALS**

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE of a fraternity chapter? was asked at a recent conference. Seven points there presented embody the ideal purpose so well that we here record them. Promote good scholarship. Contribute to the development of the finest womanhood. Maintain a wholesome, well-ordered chapter home. Foster a democratic spirit in the college. Encourage every member to become a good citizen by entering enthusiastically into the work of at least one campus activity. Establish strong bonds of true friendship among members. Keep alumnæ always in sympathetic touch with the undergraduates and with their Alma Mater. How well is your chapter fulfilling this purpose?

WELCOME, THRICE WELCOME—first, as envious admirers of Kappa Alpha Theta; second, as successful workers for a charter; third, as sister co-workers for her welfare—thus do we greet you, Alpha Sigma and Alpha Tau. Then again, we congratulate the fraternity on the extension of its organized circles of alumnæ, and extend a welcome to Detroit, Cincinnati, and Vermilion alumnæ chapters.

AN EXCHANGE NUMBER, we had planned to make of this issue. So much material well worth our consideration appears in the magazines of our contemporaries that we wished to share the best of it with our readers. However, so much of timely interest to Theta alone demanded space that our plans had to be changed. We need to double the size of our magazine, then it could contain more of the things it should contain. The only possible way to double its size is to double our subscription list. If you want a bigger, better magazine you can have it—if each of you will get one non-subscribing Theta to send in a subscription. Will you?

M ARCH CHAPTER LETTERS illustrate the active interest our members are taking in Christian work. Fifteen college members of Kappa Alpha Theta were delegates to the Quadrennial convention of the Student volunteers, which met in Kansas city dur-

ing Christmas holidays. These delegates represented twelve different colleges. There were present also several alumnæ Thetas, who are national workers in Young Women's Christian association.

YOUR EDITOR pleads guilty to having blue penciled parts of nineteen chapter letters in this number. For fear you may miss the universal end-of-the-semester chapter news, we will state that the cut paragraphs all concerned that mediaeval survival, final examinations.

OUR SERVICE BOARD is now fully organized. It has something to offer each Theta and each Theta, we hope, has something to offer the Service board. Let Mrs. Fitch hear from you, now.

O PPOSITION TO FRATERNITIES is by no means an obsolete issue. The résumé of the report of the Interfraternity conference's committe on Anti-fraternity legislation, which appears in this issue through the courtesy of Phi Gamma Delta, deserves your careful study.

A very sweeping denunciation of fraternities at the University of Kansas, written by a distinguished fraternity alumna returning—during rushing week—to Lawrence after an absence of thirty years, appeared in the Kansas university *Graduate magazine* for October 1913. In two able and dignified articles in the November issue of the same periodical, a member of the faculty and a Kansas city alumni closely in touch with the college for years, analyzed the real facts as to cost and influence of fraternity life. We regret the lack of space to reproduce this discussion. We recommend to alumnæ chapters the desirability of compiling similar tables of facts of fraternity life at the colleges near them. We commend to college Panhellenics everywhere a thorough review of ourselves as others may see us, if they happen to form their judgments upon a vision of that hybrid growth, rushing season. Is there anywhere a chapter of any fraternity that believes rushing week is typical of fraternity life?

S ENIORS, these spring months are your opportunity to make the chapter secure against your non-return next fall. Three things are essential to a chapter's perpetual welfare. Will your chapter hold this three-fold insurance through your conscientious efforts now?

- 1. Scholarship on a solid foundation.
- 2. Finances on an absolutely cash basis.
- 3. The cordial and helpful interest of every Theta alumna, so far as chapter effort can win such.

ORRECTION: To the list of Phi Beta Kappas in the January issue, should be added, three more elections, these three at Brown university, where three of the six seniors who constituted the last college members of Alpha Epsilon became members of Phi Beta Kappa.

## Snobs and how to treat them!

And now comes one clothed with some authority who declares that the present system of education in our colleges is creating snobs. That little word of five letters has been extensively worked of late, and it has been applied to the fraternities so often that we have not only come to regard it as being our pet title, but we have sometimes been constrained to admit that there were snobs in our midst. The college authorities themselves have declared that fraternities tended to breed snobbery, and have proceeded to investigate with much deliberation and care. Now that it is being claimed that the college itself breeds snobbery will the college authorities be as frank as the fraternities, admit that it may be sometimes true, and as frankly as the fraternities have done, try to find a remedy? And in the end will it not be found that snobbery after all is inherent and breeds anywhere and everywhere under conditions which will allow it to thrive? The good farmer fertilizes his soil to grow vegetables and cereals -and the rich soil often produces weeds. No way has been found to prevent it and all that can be done is to root out the weeds as they develop. To quit the cultivation of the soil merely turns the ground over to weeds alone. - Caduceus of K Z.

# AN AMERICAN GIRL'S IMPRESSIONS OF A FRENCH UNIVERSITY

By CLARICE RYTHER KAUFMAN, Alpha Epsilon

When we first arrived in France our idea of what a French university was, or what it stood for, was very vague. We had heard of the Sorbonne, and as we wandered about its spacious, dignified halls we found the reality very much as we had imagined it should be, to form the background for those polished, courteous, keen scholars who have made the University of Paris famous for its thorough, searching, dignified graduate work. We also of course had known of the Quartier Latin surrounding it, where students lived a busy, care-free, Bohemian sort of existence.

Our knowledge of the provincial universities, however, was limited to the facts that there did exist seventeen such universities, that those at Lyons and Bordeaux were the most important, that they were in a way rather more advanced than our colleges, and that we were to be a part of the faculty of the Faculté des Lettres at Bordeaux. In a nine months' stay there, teaching and studying, becoming well acquainted with both students and professors, we gained considerable knowledge of the place of the French university which may be of interest to some who have never lived there.

On arriving at Bordeaux we asked our *epicière* where the university was. To our surprise she looked at us blankly—she had never heard of such a place. That illustrates the place the university holds in the community. It is not the general, higher school, where all those with intellectual interests and sufficient time and means at their disposal go for broader culture and a generally uplifting influence. The cultural element does not enter into the French idea at all. A university to the Frenchman is a graduate school, a professional school where one goes solely to get the required certificate or degree to get a position as teacher, lawyer, or doctor.

The university buildings are scattered about in the midst of the city, each faculty having its separate spacious building, with its lecture rooms and its library, where, by the way, books are arranged on the shelves not according to classes, but according to accession number.

The curriculum of a student is fixed by a board in Paris. Whether he is a candidate for the *Licence*, which corresponds roughly to our A. M., or for the *agrégation*, which is something like our doctor's examination without the thesis, or for some certificate, he has his work definitely mapped out. In English, the field we knew, students for the *agrégation* have to know for the examination fifteen books each year, all under three general heads. The lectures for the whole year are on these books, and the students, with painstaking, conscientious effort endeavor to master those works and those alone. The *Licence* and the *certificat* candidates have six of these fifteen books on their program and they work equally carefully on those. There is no definite time specified to get a degree. The student takes the examinations, many of which are competitive and taken at Paris, year after year, until he succeeds or gets discouraged.

The task of the professor is to explain difficulties, give general lectures on broad lines, and above all to point out methods of work for the student to carry out independently. Thus the responsibility rests wholly on the student. Since to reach his position has required years of study to pass the competitive examination of the agrégation, and generally the preparation of an important thesis for a doctorat as well, it must be noted that a French university professor must be a strong man and a fine scholar. Besides this, he has to begin as teacher in a Lycée, and it is only the teacher of marked merit who gains one of the comparatively few university positions. Besides their regular teaching, several professors each year give on one of their three weekly hours a "cours public" on some special theme, generally the nucleus of a book which is published later. These courses attempt to give to the general public the advantages of university lectures, and it is considered quite fashionable to attend these lectures, especially if the professor is a popular one. The regular courses are also open to visitors for a nominal yearly sum, but in spite of these efforts at publicity the university reaches only a few.

Though, except for the few inevitably shiftless ones, studying is serious professional business to the French student, there is a marked absence of the nervous strain and tension found in the strenuous life of an American student. This is due in part to the fact

that there are few lectures. No professor lectures more than three hours a week, and if possible he concentrates those into two consecutive days in order not to have his lecturing interfere with his outside research work; nor does a student work along more than one or two lines. This lays the emphasis on careful, leisurely, thoughtful preparation instead of on our custom of always working at topmost speed.

This absence of hurry is due also to a lack of the distractions of the social and athletic organizations that fill so large a part of our college life. The Frenchman would not understand our admonition not to let studying interfere with the regular college work. The idea of a social life, a campus life, is altogether foreign to his mind. He boards where he wishes, he attends lectures when he wishes, goes to the library, and then his colleagues, whom he knows slightly, see him no more. The university for him is the lecture room, nothing more, and his fellow students mean no more to him than his neighbors at a concert. There is one exception to this: the men have an organization, a Students' League which meets occasionally for social purposes or for discussion of some general university question, but its influence is limited. Between our preparatory school and the French Lycée there is a much greater analogy. The boys, whom the Lycée carries through our sophomore year of college, live in a building together and have some of the inevitable social life; but this idea is not carried into the Faculté.

The French universities are coeducational, though it is only very recently that the better class of girls are becoming students. The old idea that a girl is made to be in a home and to make that the center and whole of her interest is still strong, and a large part of the French nation still looks with distrust and doubt on a woman who is preparing to earn her own living or to do some independent work. France is on the whole distinctly behind her neighbors in the general feminist movement. But in spite of this attitude the numbers of étudiantes is increasing and the class of girls who are attending the universities is constantly improving. They hold their own in their work with the men and are faithful students. With the inevitable feminine love of a cozy room and a cup of tea, some

of the girls have, within two years, formed a club similar to the men's, and have fitted up a most attractive room where they go to read or to talk, and where they entertain the professors and their wives at a tea each winter. This club, however, has the wife of a professor as its president and ruling power. The idea of having the control of the club in the hands of the students themselves is as inconceivable to them as the thought would be to us of having an outsider as president of our athletic association.

There is also little contact between the étudiantes and étudiants. We American college girls, with our independence and freedom, find it hard to understand the social code that demands an unmarried girl to be always chaperoned. Even on a shopping trip her mother usually accompanies her, and for her to go walking or to the theater or a dance unchaperoned is a grave breach of etiquette. It is no wonder that a French mother is anxious to get her daughter married. This spirit of formality prevails with women students as with all girls, and until that attitude changes, if it ever does, there will be no place for the cameraderie of our coeducational universities. Women students who have lived in England, where they know for the first time real social freedom, chafe under the restraint when they return, and they tell us that it takes a strong love of France to counterbalance the desire for a life of freedom in England or America.

You have followed briefly the pros and cons of a provincial French university, and perhaps you have drawn your own conclusions as to its merits. To an American, college life with its work, its play, its associations, its friendships, its fraternities, is an experience unique. The French have nothing to equal it. Compare their universities rather with our graduate school and you will have something more nearly akin. Those foreign universities may to our eyes have their faults: a too restricted, narrow program, too little class room work, lack of connected courses, ill arranged libraries. But on the other hand balance the excellencies: only fine, well-trained, mature professors, with lectures always perfectly prepared, a program short enough for exhaustive study, lack of nervous strain, time to think; and you will decide that we have some points to learn from our neighbors of a different race, not so far away, after all.

## IN MEMORIAM

# MABEL NELSON JACOBS

Lambda and Burlington Alumnæ chapters are mourning the loss of one of their most loyal members, Mrs. Mabel (Nelson) Jacobs, whose death occurred July 19, 1913 at St. Luke's hospital, New York City.

Born in Burlington, her entire life was spent here except for a few short years after her graduation in 1899 during which she was engaged in teaching with marked success, first in Barre, Vermont, and then in Nashua, New Hampshire, a career which she abandoned to become, in 1905, the wife of Professor E. C. Jacobs of the University of Vermont, her own Alma Mater.

To this new life she brought enthusiasm and a spirit of helpfulness and these traits together with marked executive ability made her easily a leader in the circle in which her lot was henceforth cast.

She was a person of high ambitions and scholarly tastes, an enthusiastic student of French literature and Shakespeare, while her last short illness came to her as she was taking lectures in geology at the Columbia university Summer school in order that she might be of service to her husband who was doing postgraduate work there along those lines.

A woman of strong character and high ideals, she left the impress of her personality on all with whom she came in contact. Ever a loyal Theta, she never lost sight of the meaning and ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta, the welfare of which was always near her heart.

Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss her mother and a sister, Mrs. Florence (Nelson) Ray, Lambda 1901, of State College Pennsylvania.

Mary R. Bates.

# MRS. JOHN SPENCER

Mrs. John Spencer (May Webster) Kappa '88, died Saturday, December 13, 1913, at her home in Omaha, Nebraska. She leaves a husband and two sons.

Mrs. Spencer was a member of the Omaha alumnæ chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta since its inception and the chapter writing of her says: "Mrs. Spencer was one of our most interested, loyal and well-loved members. To us, who came to know her intimately, she was an ideal wife, mother, and home-maker, conscientious and wonderfully thoughtful of others. Her death is a great sorrow to many friends."

# NOTICE

Found in a New York City antique shop a Theta badge—smallest size, crown setting of 22 opals. Engraving evidently filed from back of the badge. Any one who has lost a similar badge is asked to communicate with the Grand secretary.

# CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNAE NEWS

# DELINQUENT EDITORS

ALPHA KAPPA

## ALPHA-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

In spite of the fact that our Thanksgiving vacation was only one day, it was a most enjoyable one. Our stewardess, Clara Gibbs, realizing that it would be a home-sick day for most of us, did everything in her power to make the day one worth remembering. She succeeded so well that it was an unusually jolly crowd that gathered around the table to partake of a genuine Thanksgiving dinner. During the day our thoughts were many times with the girls at convention. On their return Sunday night a session was declared, and accounts demanded of their trip. They had so much to tell that they found it necessary to all talk at once, and each one outdid the other in her appreciation of Alpha Eta's charming hospitality. Even though most of us had to stay at home we are grateful for the convention, since it seemed to draw us nearer to Alpha Eta and our neighboring chapters, Gamma and Beta.

The college authorities were very liberal in giving us a Christmas vacation of two weeks and three days. From the accounts of dances, theater parties, dinner parties and the like, which the girls gave after they returned from their vacation, I think that it was indeed heartily enjoyed by all.

During the last two months Alpha has given very little attention to social functions. We have entertained some of the members of the faculty, alumnæ, and town friends at dinner. At present we are working on a little play, which is to be given at our Spike party, February 16. The play, What's in a name, was written by Charlotte Wheeler, aided by the suggestions of the committee. Since we are

allowed only one party for the freshmen, we are putting forth every effort to make this one a great success.

We are all very happy now, for DePauw has been promised a \$100,000 gymnasium before June 1915. It was promised in response to a petition of the student body. Twenty-seven thousand has already been pledged, two thousand of which came from the student body.

5 February 1914

Ione Cassady

'oi Margaret Quayle, daughter of Bishop W. A. Quayle, was in Baltimore during January receiving radium treatment for a cancer on the knee. The treatment was successful but left Miss Quayle in a state of collapse from which she is recovering in Wesley Hospital, Chicago. Later—Miss Quayle died, Feb. 17.

'12 Married Dec. 31, Nell Walker to Robinson Irwin, B & II. Address Oxford, Ind.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Edna Bailey to Charles Hearst,  $\Sigma$  X.

'13 Hazel Hardacre spent a week-end recently at the chapter house.

'13 Ruth Landrum visited us a few days in February.

'15-ex Eva Moorish spent a day with us recently.

'16-ex Mary Van Arsdale is attending La Salle seminary, Auburndale, Mass.

'16-ex Mary Vermillion of Anderson and Eula Ramsey of Crawfordsville have not returned this semester.

'16-ex Lulu Bon Durant of South Bend, a pledge of last spring, re-entered college this semester.

Ella M. Shaw is studying domestic science at Stout institute, Menomonie, Wis. Address: 905 6th St.

Ida Black died suddenly in Dec. 1913. She had been ill for some time but great hopes were held for her recovery until the last week.

### BETA-INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The winter term has brought a very great change in the size of our chapter, for initiation was January 15, and we have now sixteen brand new wearers of the kite—Maude Harvey, Imo Brendell, Ruth Miller, Betty Fullenlove, Dorothy Bransen, Grace Kidd, Lillian Seany, Janet Hepburn, Katherine Rawles, Edna Corr, Josephine Hall, Lucille Robertson, Martha Voglesong, Esther Mayer, Lois Nicholson, Marjory Lewis.

We have two new pledges, Mary and Martha Woodburn of Bloomington.

At present we are not planning any formal party for this term. Our annual dance will probably be in May. This week-end we are to have a few out of town rushees here for a house-party, but their entertainment will not be very elaborate—driving, an informal tea, and a small house dance will occupy Friday and Saturday.

One of the topics of greatest interest at Indiana just now is the establishment of an honor system. It is a subject which has been talked of from time to time, but has not before been considered very seriously. Tonight, January 29, it is to be the main feature of a mass meeting to which Thetas one and all will go to support the good cause.

On January 24 twenty of the active chapter and many alumnæ went to Indianapolis to the Founders'-day luncheon. There was a good representation from each of the three nearest chapters, Alpha, Beta, and Gamma, and these with alumnæ from all over the state made a company of one hundred and eighty. The luncheon was this year, as always, a great event in the winter's history and one to be stored away among our collections of pleasant memories.

29 January 1914

Henrietta Hepburn

'88 Mrs Sherman Davis (Maude Van Zandt) left Jan. 26 for Los Angeles, Cal. where she will live for a year, at least.

'09 Bess Van Valza and Nat Hill were married in Dec. They are to live in Bloomington.

'11 Nell Adylotte was here the week of Jan. 18.

'13 Louise Craig is taking work in the university this term.

'16-ex Madeline Laidley is teaching school in Madison, Ind.

'16-ex Mildred Rieman is in New Mexico this winter.

'16 Ella Shaw has not returned. She is taking work in Menomonie, Wis.

### GAMMA-BUTLER COLLEGE

The girls who went to the District convention at Nashville report the jolliest kind of a time and sing the praises of their merry Southern hostesses continually. Gamma's other trip abroad was to the installation of our chapter at Cincinnati university. We are sincerely happy to welcome into Theta sisterhood girls of such evident worth of character and who are true to the kind of womanhood Theta upholds.

Good fortune has come to Butler students in the shape of an endowment of \$500,000, \$300,000 of which is the result of the Men and Millions movement. The remaining \$200,000 is to be given by the alumni and friends of the college. The death of Dr. Allan R. Benton, former professor of philosophy and president of Butler for seven years, has caused deep regret at the loss of so fine a gentleman and noble character.

The Girls' Lotus club recently gave a Butler tea at which Mrs. Alexander Jameson a Butler alumna and mother of one of our girls, told us interesting stories of college life and student pranks in the days when mule cars carried the often-times hilarious students from the city to the village of Irvington. Harking back to Christmas time, the Young Woman's Christian association gave their annual Doll Fair, the proceeds paying for the dolls which were dressed and given to the children of the Christamore settlement. At our chapter Christmas party we gave funny toys, which with canned fruits were afterwards sent to some poor children. We were greatly indebted to Mrs. Rhodehammel, the mother of a Michigan Theta, for a Christmas dance.

Urith Dailey, one of our freshmen, had the honor of being a representative of Butler at the Kansas City Convention of Student Volunteers. In addition to the message of this great gathering to college students, she has told us of pleasant talks with Thetas who were there from other colleges.

29 January 1914

Ruth Cunningham

'11 Margaret Browning was recently married to Francis Sydney Burt of Oregon.

'11 Blanche Gordon of Morristown has been very ill.

'II Born to Mr and Mrs L. O. Eldridge (Roxana Thayer) a daughter, Jeanne Claire.

'10 Born to Mr and Mrs W. O. Test (Cordelia Butler) a daughter, Julia Anne.

Zelda Hansen and Margaret Holton, of Tau visited us Jan. 20.

We wish to add the names of Lola Conner, Mary K. Southwick and Helen Lewis to our list of pledges.

Estella Hendrix will attend a dinner-dance at Indiana University, Feb. 14.

Katharine Jameson has been elected secretary of the sophomore class; Urith
Dailey is secretary and Laura Ann Reed vice-president of the freshman class.

## DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Today brings the end of a semester markedly prosperous for Delta and for the university as a whole. An effort is being made this winter to afford the students more opportunity for cultural enjoyment. A series of eight concerts, furnished by the Russian, St. Louis, New York, and Minneapolis symphony orchestras, has been offered during the term for the remarkably low price of two dollars for the entire series of eight concerts. Then the English department has arranged a free course of Tuesday evening readings, to be given by various members of the faculty. These are in no sense formal lectures, but short informal talks on various literary men and their work, for people who enjoy hearing a little good prose or poetry read aloud. The three which we have had so far have been delightful.

Our Christmas gift sale was a rousing success. We sold the articles at auction, and at the end of our hilarious buying and selling, found that we had acquired the sum of sixty-five dollars with which to begin a Delta chapter loan fund.

In this same week of Christmas preparation, the freshmen gave their annual Christmas party and stunt. There was a tree, and a trinket for every one, and a stunt that showed surprising initiative ability.

January 5 brought the girls from the Christmas holidays with a store of news, a few precious samples of mother's cooking, and an abundance of energy for the closing work of the semester. Since then, that work has kept us all too busy for much thought of play. Founders'-day we celebrated by the wearing of colors.

House cleaning is our next event. The mothers' house-party, which we planned to have between semesters, has been postponed until spring, in the hope that warmer and brighter days will induce more mothers to come.

28 January 1914

Ella Burns

'13 Married, Dec. 31, Agnes Porter to Mr A. B. Sawyer, Φ Γ Δ.

'14 The engagement of Catharine Planck to Mr Paul Kircher is announced. Helen Taylor Bush (Mrs John) is spending the winter in Eugene, Ore.

### EPSILON-WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

'82 Miss Martha McClellan is spending the winter in St. Augustine, Fla.

'85 Lenore Hanna Cox (Mrs L. J.) sailed in Jan. for several months in Europe.

'88-ex Janet Henderson Bodman (Mrs F. H.) is now living at 42 Fremont st, Battle Creek, Mich.

'96 Mildred Packer Elliott (Mrs C. H.) after several years in Panama is now at Salem, Ore. where Mr Elliott has accepted a call to one of the Presbyterian churches.

'oo Grace Anderson Hickok's (Mrs R. K.) new address is 395 A. Lafayette square, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'03 Inez Kinney, for several years a district Y. W. C. A. secretary for the middle mountain district, has accepted a position as a national Y. W. C. A. field secretary, with headquarters in New York City.

'03 Katharine Snyder Hamm (Mrs F. H.) has removed to 494 Kimball Place ave, Columbus, Ohio.

'08 The address of Marguerite White Black (Mrs McCance T.) is Edward Charles st. Opposite Mt. Pleasant Apts. Montreal P. Q. Canada. Mr Black is at the head of the playground work of that city.

'10-ex Isabelle Bull is teaching in East Chillicothe, Ohio.

'10-ex Helen White and '13 Frances Goheen were at the Student Volunteer Convention in Kansas City during the holidays. Miss Goheen was sent from Wellesley.

'12-ex Florence May is at home in Kingston, O.

'15-ex Ruth Bogardus is teaching in her home town, Kenton, O.

'15 Harriett O'Donnell resumed her work in Wooster the second semester.

'16-ex Wilma Strayer is spending the year at her home in Scio, O.

Born to Mr and Mrs A. J. Paige (Edith Fulton) a son.

## ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

As the faculty has abolished the Junior hop for this year, there will not be the usual social whirl at the end of the semester. A few of the men's fraternities will hold house-parties that week-end, however.

One of the professors in the university school of music has been giving twilight recitals at five o'clock every other day at Hill auditorium. These are open to the public, and have proved very restful.

Catherine Bigelow, who has been Gymnasium director for five years, and who entered the chapter in 1909, left January 25 for San Angelo, Texas, where she and Christine Shott, of Alpha Theta, are going to settle down and be real farmers. We couldn't say good-

bye to Catherine, that sounded so sad, so we compromised on "au revoir".

We recently pledged Neva Creighton of Franklin, Pennsylvania, a sophomore in college. She will be initiated with the nine girls who have been pledged since fall, but who could not be initiated then, because of the new Panhellenic rulings requiring the equivalent of fifteen hours credit, and eighteen honor points before a girl could become a member of a fraternity. February 21 is the date set for initiation.

Isabel Rizer, and Helen M. Baker, the two girls from the college chapter who attended the installation of Alpha Tau at Cincinnati, returned with glowing accounts of the new active and alumnæ chapters, and many good ideas and helped suggestions for initiation.

I must tell you about our "baby party" which our chaperon, Mrs Vedder, held for us on January 14. Each one of us gave her a picture of ourselves taken at a very early age. We fastened ficticious names onto them such as "Reluctant Lover", "The Peewee Bird", or "Bouncing Betty". We came to the party dressed as children, and after playing games for a time we guessed the identities of the pictures. It was very difficult, for babies do look a great deal alike, after all, you know. The most sucessful "guesser" received a prize. Then refreshments were served. It was a charming party.

The Detroit alumnæ have made preparations for celebrating Founders'-day on February 6, and have invited the college chapter.

29 January 1914

Margaret R. Foote

'95 Alice Wadsworth and '06 Lucie Harmon were visiting in Detroit Christmas vacation.

'95 Myra Cady has paid us several visits this fall.

Catherine Bigelow's new address is San Angelo, Tex. Box 696.

'08 Born to Dr. and Mrs Allan C. Fullenwider (Ethel Obetz) a son.

'12 Mrs Gordon Kingsbury (Louise Tuthill) spent a week with us during Feb.

'14 At a charming luncheon Ellen Earle Riggs announced her engagement to Clarence David Knight of Wheaton, Ill.

'14 Mary Lynn, who has been away from college this semester, is back again to resume her work.

'16-ex Jessie Allen will be married Feb. 10, to John Edmond Hancock in Indianapolis. Address will be Albion, Mich.

'11 Mary Mulheron is studying in the School of Civics and Philanthropy, Chicago, Ill. Address: Central Y. W. C. A. 830 S. Michigan ave.

'o6 Ann M. Mulheron has resigned her position in the Detroit Public Library and is now engaged in social service work among the Chinese at Honolulu.

'10 Lucy Harmon, Toledo, O. who teaches in the Milwaukee, Wis. schools was a visitor at the Detroit alumnæ luncheon held Jan. 3.

'03 Eta extends sympathy to Bernice Bond Farnham, whose mother died during the holidays.

'or Maud Philips is teaching in a Los Angeles high school, and she and her mother are living at 857 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Cal.

'10 Frieda Reynolds is doing graduate work at Columbia university.

Jessie Beal Baker, a charter member, is living in Amherst, Mass. She and her husband are becoming loyal Yankees, but are not losing interest in their old-time western friends and traditions. Their four fine children are Eta's eldest grandchildren, and Eta is justly proud.

## IOTA-CORNELL UNIVERSITY

But a few months ago, we were writing you about being back. It was summer, and there was dust and leaves, and things to climb for and botanize over. We could sit out-doors, and write our letter to you in a damp, romantic bower, and mope over a little brook, that trickled shyly past. We could optimize then. We thought it was a fine cheerful thing to come to college. And but a few weeks since, it was going to be Christmas, and we were so busy and excited about going home. We are now come to the present. And we are in a state of coma, wondering where those months and weeks are gone. But we have had a good time, even though we have cultivated the "college spirit", more than ourselves in college.

We told you in our first letter, that we were living in a rather barbarous fashion in our new dormitory, Prudence Risley. We have fogotten all about the "barbarous" now. It is an elegant luxurious abode with a truly academic atmosphere. The building is fire-proof, of brick construction, ornamented fittingly with Cornell mottoes and seals, and emblems of the endowers. The corridors are not merely passage-ways to and from the rooms. They are arcades with great harmony of line and decoration. The drawing rooms are richly furnished with deep divans and thick oriental rugs, and supplied with attractive pictures. Many and large fireplaces, which are

really used, are scattered throughout the building. Tea is served in front of an especially large one on Saturday afternoons, while we sew and have stories read to us, and on Sundays after chapel, we can bring our guests to drink a cup o' tea. It is the dining room, however, which takes the architectural prize. It is built in the old English style, two stories high, beautifully panelled, with an ornamented ceiling and carved balcony. It has been rumored that Sage is going to have improvements made, in order that the competition may not get too one-sided.

Plans are being made for our district convention for which the date March 13-15 has been suggested. Chi has offered her house as a convenient place for holding it. The program promises to be highly entertaining.

23 January 1914

Catharine Ann Bard

'05 A son, Charles Andrews, was born Dec. 1, to Josephine Andrews Magill (Mrs W. H.).

'09 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Julia McCormick to Dr. Henry H. Beers of New York.

'10 The engagement has been announced of Edith Adams Young and Mr Edgar Holpman, a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic institute, of Woodberry, N. J.

'12 Katherine Wilson Potts and George Edmounde Saunders, Δ K E, Cornell '12, were married Dec. 16, at Troy, N. Y. Address 1046 Roosevelt Ave. Fresno, Cal.

'15 Marjorie Barbarie was taken ill with scarlet fever during the holidays at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y. She expects to return to college in Feb.

'16 Madeleine Church was a delegate to the Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City.

'16-ex Margaret Coate is in Montreal enjoying the winter sports.

'83 Martha Merry Buell (Mrs C. E.) and her two younger daughters sailed for Europe, Jan. 31, for a year's holiday.

'98 Born to Capt. and Mrs Joseph Matson (Kathleen Connor) Nov. 28, 1913, a son, Donald. Address: Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## KAPPA-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Fraternity agitation continues at the University of Kansas. Active criticism has died down but we still have an uncomfortable feeling that we are being watched. We have felt that too much publicity is given to fraternity affairs. Our parties and social functions—

no matter how simple they may have been always sound rather elaborate when recorded in the town papers. The men have passed a Panhellenic ruling against giving society items to town papers, and the girls observe the same rule, although it has never been passed. Then, too, the suspension of two student correspondents for distorting college and fraternity news has helped curb the far reaching reports of extravagance and fast life at the university. We are not afraid of the judgment of our friends and alumni, but we do want to be judged by what we do and not by what we are reported as doing by a too interested newspaper.

Mrs. Kelley in the last number of the *Graduate magazine* defends her first statements and answers Mr. Murray and Mr. Meservey. The case concerning the taxation of Fraternity property is still pending.

The sociology department of the university has sent out a questionnaire to all students and alumni. Ten questions are asked about the fraternity problem—what are the benefits of a fraternity to individuals and to the university, what are the harmful effects, plans for improvement, and how can the rushing system be improved. The result of this investigation is to be made known some time in the spring.

We celebrated Founders'-day by a banquet the evening of January 23. About forty-five alumnæ were back. After the banquet and the toasts we were entertained by stunts by some of the alumnæ and some of the college girls. Nothing can quite so well impress freshmen with the size and unity of Theta as can a Founders'-day banquet.

27 January 1914

Florence Fuqua

'14-ex Mable Thornton and Harold Wilson were married Jan 28. They are now living in Lawrence, Kan.

Miss Brooks, Alpha Omicron, Dean of women at the University of Oklahoma was our guest Dec. 12.

'13 Pauline Murray and Asa Black, Φ Δ θ, are to be married Feb. 18.

'14 Florence Fuqua was a delegate to the Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City.

Born to Mr and Mrs Frank Pryor (Bessie Anderson) Jan. 24, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs Everett Blair Sutton (Lena Morrow) a son. They are now living in Escondido, Cal.

Dec. 12, the freshmen entertained the active chapter and alumnæ with the annual Freshman Catsup.

'96 Marion Innes Craig (Mrs J. A.) will spend the winter in Cal.

'10-ex Helen Janes Harris (Mrs Fred) is living in Ottawa, Kan.

'10-ex Mayme Hudson Keizer (Mrs Dell) is spending the winter in Cal.

'16 Emily Foster has returned to college for the second semester.

'87 Mrs Frank Thompson, '84 Mrs Scott Hopkins, '99 Charlotte Leavitt, Eta, Mrs Estey, '88 Mrs Walter Howe, '03 Mrs Guilford Dudley, '10 Helen Janes Harris (Mrs Fred), '13 Gale Gossett, '13 Beatrice Neumiller, '13-ex Sara Morrison, Anne Stophlet, Delta, were some of our guests for the Founders'-day banquet.

## LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The women of the university scored a great success in the presentation of a three act dramatization of Alice in Wonderland on January 16 and 17. The proceeds will be devoted to refurnishing the sun-room at Grassmount. Margery Watson, '14, had charge of the production, and five other Thetas were members of the cast.

Our chapter good times this winter have been of a particularly delightful sort. On the evening of December 6, Dorothy Votey, '16, entertained the active girls at a birthday party in honor of her sister, Constance Votey, '16, and of Beatrice Moore, '14.

Lambda's annual freshman party was given on the afternoon of December 13, at the beautiful home of Anna Ward, '15. The large dance hall was converted into a temporary theater and there the "Metropolitan opera company", comprising Nina Shepardson, '14, Bernardine Kimball, '15, and Dorothy Votey, '16, presented *In a Persian garden*, which afforded opportunity for several solo dances. After the performance a buffet supper was served in the dining-room. This was one of the most original and successful parties that we have ever given.

On the evening of January 24 the active girls were the guests of Marjorie Read, ex-'15, at her home in Essex Junction. At this time we were privileged to meet one of our alumnæ, Lucia Barney Downing, '89. We are very happy that Mrs. Downing is to be near us this winter.

Our Founders'-day this year was very pleasant. In the afternoon we were guests of the Burlington alumnæ chapter at a delightful party at the home of Mabel Brownell, '01.

Pledge day comes February 19. We are hoping to have Mrs. Hincks, our District president, with us at initiation.

29 January 1914

Georgia Gifford

'86 Eliza Isham is spending the winter in Boston.

'89 Lucia Barney Downing is in Essex Junction for the winter.

'94 May Boynton has recovered from an illness of several weeks at her home in Burlington.

'99-ex Marion McIntyre Loudon (Mrs Guy) chaperoned the active girls on their recent trip to Essex Junction.

'or Helen Ferguson Dennis (Mrs Samuel) of Roxbury, Mass. spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Burlington.

'06 Born, December 17, to Mr and Mrs Hollis Gray (Ruth Bond) a daughter, Harriet Mudgett.

'06 Elizabeth Holmes Ross (Mrs Jacob) is living in Syracuse, N. Y. Dr. Ross is General secretary of the Young Men's Christian association at Syracuse university.

'06-ex Margaret Harmon Hendee (Mrs Henry), one of our recent Theta brides, is a welcome addition to the number of our resident alumnæ. Her address is 322 Pearl st. Burlington.

'06-ex Amy Morse is taking graduate work at Cornell.

'07 Gertrude Thompson Smith (Mrs E. J.) is living in Newport, Vt.

'09 Miriam Hitchcock Chapin (Mrs Edward) is living in Brooklyn, N. Y. Address: 723 Eighth ave. Apartment 15.

'og Jane Menut Brownell (Mrs Henry) is living in Canton, China, where Mr Brownell, a graduate of Vermont and a recent Rhodes scholar at Oxford, is instructor in the Canton Christian college. Her address is care of Canton Christian college, Canton, China.

'II Ruth Votey whose engagement to David Sternberg of Reading, Pa. was recently announced, sailed Jan. 8 for Naples. She will spend the winter in European travel, returning in May or June.

'13 Bessie Thayer, who is teaching home economics in Morrisville, Vt. was a guest in Burlington recently.

'13-ex Hazel Weeks who is teaching home economics in Montpelier, Vt. spent the holidays in New York and Philadelphia, where she was sent by the school commissioner of Montpelier to visit the city schools.

'13-ex Helen Daniels is spending the winter as the guest of relatives in New Haven, Conn. and Gettysburg, Pa.

'14 Nina Shepardson spent a week recently as the guest of friends at Wellesley college.

'14-ex Married in Shelburne, Vt. on Jan. 1, Margaret Alma Tracy to G. Frederick Jones. At home: 361 South Union st. Burlington.

'15 Grace Nutting represented Vermont at the Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City in Jan. During the holidays she visited in Chicago and St. Paul, Minn. She greatly enjoyed meeting several Thetas from other chapters.

'89 Emma Chandler White (Mrs Luther) of Amsden, Vt. presented the chapter with a beautiful tea-tray as a Christmas gift.

## MU-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

This is Mu's pledge number and we are glad to announce the following, Mary K. Carew, Franklin; Rachel Cleveland, Erie; Lilian M. Fetzer, Meadville; Mary R. Flahaven, Bemus Point, New York; Mildred I. Richey, Vandergrift; Martina Rowe, Turtle Creek; and Agnes E. Smith, a Theta sister, Meadville.

We gave our annual dinner for the pledges in our rooms on the evening of December 8. The Christmas tree party was also held there and wise, old Santa made jolly sport for us Thetas with his apt little gifts and clever verses.

On January 17 our pledges gave their stunt-party. It was a short skit in three scenes in which we saw ourselves as our freshmen see us. If laughter is a sign of enjoyment, they certainly had an appreciative audience. At the end of the third scene they presented the chapter with a handsome library table.

Our Hulings hall Christmas party, which took the place of the annual Thanksgiving affair, seemed to fulfill its purpose of giving everybody a good time. The decorations were evergreens and poinsettias with colored electric lights shining down here and there from among the pine branches. Another college event was an innovation made by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations for the purpose of raising money. After the custom of a real, upto-date circus, there were side shows, candy booths, plenty of confetti and then the big show with tumblers, clowns, talking dogs, chariot races, and such like. It was an evening of pure fun and enjoyment as well as a financial success.

In the last business meeting of the Board of trustees at the Pittsburgh session, not only were plans for the college centennial in 1915 discussed, but aside from some permanent improvements to be made, such as the road through the campus, the heating plant, and the beautifying of the grounds with shrubbery, the following improvements were approved, but not to be undertaken until funds can be raised for the purpose: an open air theater for the lower part of the ravine, the enlargement of Alden hall, a sidewalk on Prospect street, and an additional dormitory for young women.

Doctor Crawford came back to us again shortly after the Christmas vacation and gave a most interesting chapel talk on the experiences of his trip, in which he told of having witnessed the funeral services of Cardinal Rompolla in St. Peter's. Our Dean, Miss Spalding, sailed for Europe on the same boat which brought our president back from Rome.

31 January 1914

Thelma Weissenborn

'oo The marriage of Claribelle Wilkins and Oran A. Pressel took place at St. Louis, Mo. in June 1913. Present address: 115 Central ave. Warren, Pa. Mrs Pressel is now in Meadville en route for home after visiting in Pittsburgh where she attended the Theta alumnæ banquet.

'or Emma Edson Breed (Mrs R. S.) visited at her house in Meadville this Christmas.

'04 Bessie Dutton was in Meadville Jan 25 to attend the memorial services for her sister, Helen. The active chapter attended in a body.

'06 Katherine Adams McCune spent the holidays at her former home in Meadville.

'10-ex Rena J. Burnham was married in Erie Jan 3, to Mr F. J. Walker.
'13 Dorothy Sansom was here for the Hulings hall Christmas party,
Dec. 13.

Gertrude Hammond '14 and Margaret Simpson '15 attended the installation of Alpha Tau at Cincinnati.

### RHO-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

We are soon to enter another season of rushing. However, we only have one week of it in the middle of the year. We may have two parties which may last for three hours each. These parties may be given on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday of the week beginning February 2. Then we pledge on Saturday, February 7. This is a new system, just adopted.

The Military ball was given on Friday, January 9. It is one of the largest social functions of the year. The Junior prom, the biggest formal of the year, will be given Friday, January 30. For the past two months we have been taking luncheon with our town alumnæ at the Lindell hotel on the first Saturday of the month. We enjoy it so much, for it keeps us in better touch with them.

We were very much disappointed that Mrs. Ruth Haynes Carpenter, our Grand president, was unable to visit us on her return from the installation of Alpha Sigma. We hope that she may be able to pay us a visit in the near future.

On January 17, we gave an informal dance at the Temple.

An Equal Suffrage League has recently been formed here. Marion Preece is Vice-president and several other of our girls also belong.

29 January 1914

Erma Jones

'11 Alice McCullough Owen (Mrs Hubert) paid us a visit on Jan. 23-24.
'11-ex A son was born on Nov. 29 to Gracia Green Dunn (Mrs Neal).

'o1-ex A son was born to Frances Cunningham Cleary (Mrs Leo) on Jan. 24.

'11-ex Grace Rohrbough visited us Dec. 17-18.

'11-ex Helen Weston spent the week-end of Nov. 10 at the chapter house.

### SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Shortly after our last letter was written, we held our initiation and entered on the weeks of comparative quiet which always follow it. Our initiation night was even more pleasant than usual, or at least we found it so. We had the advantage of knowing the house so well in which we held it, as Mrs Anderson indulgently received us and our noise for the second time.

Initiation over, we celebrated with a dance four days later. Of that I cannot undertake to tell you, for it was exactly like all its predecessors, in that every one seemed quite contented with it. One individual feature it had, however, for we were able to have our alumnæ and several of them honored us by bringing husbands with them.

Panhellenic matters have been quiet to the point of boredom, all through our excessive politeness to one another. Possibly this may have been partly brought about by a threatened attack from outside. It was rumored that a motion was to be made in the Women's undergraduate association, to the effect that sophomore pledging by the sororities be made compulsory. Now, however much some of

us desire sophomore pledging, we do not wish to have it imposed on us from outside. There was some little flutter. A Panhellenic meeting was called. However, the whole proved unnecessary, for no such motion was made.

29 January 1914

Lois McPhedran

## TAU-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Northwestern is still growing. Along Lake Michigan, north of the gymnasium, stands a quadrangle of nine new buildings, five fraternity houses and four open dormitories. Most of them are now occupied. Mr. Norman W. Harris of Chicago, has just given \$250, 000 for a new political science building. There are hints of new sorority houses.

Through the enterprise of some of the residents of Evanston, the students have been able to hear Helen Keller and Alfred Noyes, the English poet. Mr. John R. Mott will be here in February. Fiftyone students and faculty members of Northwestern heard him at the Kansas City convention.

It is rather late to talk about Christmas, but we must tell you of the good time we had at our Christmas party. We had as guests, ten little girls from different parts of Evanston, little girls for whom Christmas does not hold as many joys as it does for us. There was a tree, as usual, but this year it held paper dolls and story books for someone besides ourselves. Ten pairs of eyes shone like stars, and we had *such* a good time.

The circus this year was a great success. Besides the usual ring performance, there were a large menagerie, a fraternity dog show, a sorority cat show (I wish you could have seen the Theta angora, black as night with a golden ribbon on her neck), and best of all, an opportunity to "drop the prof" into the pool, two shots for a nickle.

We are planning to have a large dance at the new Woman's club building on March 13. Two girls will be invited from each of the other sororities, and we are hoping to have many of the alumnæ and several out of town guests present.

29 January 1914

Louise Chandler

We regret to tell of the death of Miss Carrie Adeline Palmer, Upsilon, aunt of Margaret Wilcox '15.

Mrs Fox from Psi visited us in Dec.

Margaret Wert Barber and Miss Lind of Eta visited us in Jan.

'09 The engagement has been announced of Mildred B. Jones to Mr Alvah S. Miller, of Bloomington, Ind.

'10 Marjorie Verbeck McCulloch (Mrs Bert) held quite an alumnæ reunion at her home, 1207 Munroe st. Evanston.

'II Mary Holton is playing with the Faversham company.

'14 Beulah Tomblin will attend the A K E house party at Champaign.

'14 Oratory. Helen Swasey has announced her engagement to Cassius B. Conrad,  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  '13 of Illinois.

'15 Margaret Wilcox was our delegate to the convention at Kansas City.

'15 Edith Shelby will attend the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  house party at Purdue.

Born to Mr and Mrs W. T. Johnston (Mary Bellows) a son, William, Nov. 1913.

## UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

We have pledged Alice McCoy, who has recently come to Minneapolis to live, and who is entering the university as a sophomore this semester.

Saturday night, January 24, we had our annual Founders'-day banquet at the Plaza hotel. Sixty-five Thetas were present. Luella Bussey was toast-mistress; she followed an exceedingly clever arrangement of toasts, representing the Court of King Arthur.

Just before Christmas we had two jolly parties. One was our usual Christmas celebration for the chapter and the alumnæ who cared to come. Our presents were jokes with appropriate verses attached. Our gift to the house was an oriental rug, to which the alumnæ most generously contributed. The other Christmas party was in the form of a matinée dance at the chapter house. We are very grateful to the Wisconsin Thetas from whom came the idea of having an afternoon affair. It was quite novel and we thought it was a great success.

28 January 1914

Catherine Leland

<sup>&#</sup>x27;13 Charlotte Stockwell is selling life insurance.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;13 Jessie Donaldson is assisting in the English department and acting as stewardess at the Theta house.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;13-ex Arlene Webster is traveling in California.

'13 Marjorie Child is secretary of the Infant Welfare Society of Minneapolis.

'11-ex Irene O'Conner Skiles (Mrs Thos.) has just moved into her new home at 2412 West 24th st.

'14-ex Katherine Loyhed announces her engagement to Robert Pye of Faribault, Minn.

Born to Mr and Mrs D. F. Bull (Rosamond Leland) a son, Daniel Frank jr, Nov. 1913.

## PHI-STANFORD UNIVERSITY

We are all busy preparing for a great exposition—not, it is true, the Panama-Pacific exposition but one which we all feel is quite as important, the Pre-Panama. On January 31, Cap and gown will present a carnival in the hall of the Zoology building. It is not necessary to say what for. Anything that is ever given on the Stanford campus these days is always for the benefit of the Women's club house. Those who are initiated into the inner mysteries of this affair say that it will be very wonderful indeed. There will be a great avenue lined with shops, candy booths and cafés. Farther on will be a midway and a dance hall. Each house is taking the responsibility for some particular feature. On entering the fair grounds one finds one's self on a wharf. Here one must pass through the Quarantine station and the Custom house where the officials are all members of Kappa Alpha Theta, superintended by our businesslike medic, Dr. Virginia Murray. We feel proud that it has fallen to our lot to care for the health and welfare of this great gathering.

On February 6, Masquers will stage Barrie's Quality street. Helen Bullard '14, will have the leading rôle and Elizabeth Taff '15, the part of "Fanny Willoughby." Florence Stewart '16, has been given the part of "Angie" in The fortune hunter, to be presented by the sophomore class on March 14. Margaret Locke '15, Nora Parker '15, and Ruth Stone '16, will be in the chorus of the Junior opera, The college prince, on March 26.

This semester we have pledged one freshman, Bernice Tompkins, daughter of Nellie Jones Tompkins, Phi '90. Initiation will be held February 2. We have also affiliated Hazel Lyman from Alpha Nu.

Tomorrow Mrs Helen Van Uxem Cubberley, Beta, and Mrs Louise Van Uxem Chappel, Phi, will entertain the chapter in honor of our Fraternity birthday.

26 January 1914

Helen Kreps

Catharine De Motte and Dorothy Edinger, Omega, spent the night of Jan. 24 with us. The week-end before we were visited by Helen Hill and Eleanor Carson, also of Omega.

Six of Phi's college members were present at the luncheon given by the San Francisco alumnæ chapter in honor of our Fraternity birthday at the Hotel Bellevue, San Francisco, Jan. 24. Our representatives were: Hazel Green, Beula Neel, Frances Graham, Katharine Hutchinson, Katrine Fairclough, and Carol Green.

Last semester we affiliated Flora Marie Rausch, Alpha Epsilon.

'96 Louise Pitcher Lawshe (Mrs Jay) is now living at 1207 W. 29th st. Los Angeles, Cal.

Alice Dickinson Harper (Mrs P. C.) is spending several months at North Yakima, Wash. in hopes of benefiting her health. She has been a "shut-in" with rheumatism for two years.

## CHI-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Senior week has passed, and Syracuse students are now beginning their second semester of work. The festivities of the week commenced with the Boar's Head play The witching hour, presented on Wednesday evening, January 21. This year it was coached by Lewis Parmenter, who graduated in the class of 1913 from Syracuse and who acted in the original cast. On Thursday night occurred the Ball itself. The gymnasium was transformed into a Japanese garden for the occasion. A canopy of blue scattered with gold stars hung from the roof, and below that were ropes of wistaria strung from balcony to balcony and dotted with different colored electric lights. The space under the gallery was divided into boxes for the fraternities, and was tastefully decorated in Japanese style. Nearly our whole chapter had the pleasure of attending.

Gladys Gouldin, one of our last year's freshmen who was here for Senior week, announced her engagement on January 19. At dinner time when the dining-room doors were opened, we found the table decorated with red roses and lighted with red candles. At each place was a heart-shaped folder within which were the initials

of Gladys and her fiancé, Vere Filiatrault, who is a Sigma Phi Epsilon of the class of 1914. Just as dinner ended, a messenger boy left a five pound box of candy at the door.

On January 28 of this week there was a mass meeting for women in Crouse college for the purpose of hearing the report of the Kansas City convention. There were fourteen girls sent from Syracuse, two of whom, Frances Caflisch and Ruth Mixer, were Thetas. Each girl gave a short speech emphasizing special points; convention songs were sung; and a quartet gave O Zion Come. Miss Richards, our Dean of women, presided.

On January 30, the Syracuse alumnæ are to take dinner with us, and later entertain the active chapter in honor of Founders'-day. We are looking forward to an enjoyable time.

Over the week-end of March 15, Chi expects to entertain the convention of district 4, and hopes to have our Grand secretary, Miss Green, with us also. Mrs Hincks has prepared an excellent program so that we will be able to gain a closer knowledge of our sister chapters and a broader view of fraternity life.

30 January 1914

Mildred E. Baird

'94-ex Edith H. Gates of Arkport and Chas. E. Purdy of Rochester were married in Nov. Address: 82 Joslyn Park, Rochester, N. Y.

'06-ex The engagement of Matilda Alexander and Fredrick A. Woodward, Colgate Δ K E '06, was announced at the Founders'-day celebration.

'11 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Ella Fox Baird and C. Kimball Brown of Deposit, N. Y.

'13 Ruth Whilte has returned to college for the second semester.

'14 Clara Preston visited Mrs W. D. Lewis (Lou Graff '94) of Philadelphia during the Christmas holidays.

### PSI-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The close of Christmas vacation brought us back to college happy, but with our numbers slightly diminished. Ruth Marqaurt '15, was unable to return on account of illness and Marie Hitchens '15, whose ill health forced her to leave college shortly after Thanksgiving, will not be able to return second semester, as she had planned. Laura Gilman '14, has gone to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to take the position of bacteriologist in the hospital there. The rushing of

second semester sophomores began January 6 and we were fortunate enough to pledge Helen Hohlfeld, Madison, and Eloise Taylor, Greenville, Mississippi.

Christmas parties sound like dim things of the past, now, but ours was such a success that it surely deserves mention. All the girls met at the chapter house for a buffet supper, after which we went to the room in which the Christmas tree was shining with decorations and where its base was piled high with presents. We had previously drawn for names and each girl had then bought a "slam" present, and written a verse, for the girl whose name she drew. The presents and verses were very clever and the latter occasioned a great deal of merriment when read aloud. Afterwards we sang songs and danced until the lateness of the hour put an end to our fun.

The annual Junior class play, which is given the night before Prom, is to be George Ade's *Just Out of College* this year. We are very proud that Winifred Rettger '15 is to have the leading part.

3 Feburary 1914

Margaret Curry.

'99 Grace Cloes Stedman (Mrs Horace) of Berlin, Wis. was in Madison for a short visit in Nov. and attended chapter meeting.

'12 Leila Peacock has been visiting at Vermilion, S. D. and Missoula, Mont. where she was entertained by Alpha Rho and Alpha Nu.

'13 Ada Pence has returned from La Crosse to Madison to take up her teaching fellowship in Latin at the University.

'13 Neva Gates will be in Madison the week-end of Feb. 6 to attend the Junior prom.

'03 Born to Mr and Mrs George Brümmer (Mary Stiles) of Cherokee, Iowa, a daughter, Catherine Doris, Dec. 5, 1913.

'14-ex Born to Mr and Mrs William Gill (Pauline Fort) of Kansas City, Kan. a son, in Dec. 1913.

Born to Mr and Mrs J. M. Gilman (Madge Parker) a son, James Edward, Nov. 1913.

## OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Omega is beginning the new year with a momentous task before her. A year ago this fall we had the pleasure of introducing to you a baby garden. We now feel that it has reached such years of discretion, that it should be promoted into short clothes, as it were. With the help of the landscape-gardening department of the university, we are undertaking an extensive re-modeling of the garden. They are taking the work as a student problem, have submitted plans, specifications and estimates, and will relieve us of all the responsibility of management except for paying the bills.

As a result of fall rushing, we have three new pledges; Elise Bertheau of San Francisco, Elizabeth Currier of San Diego, and Katharine Kirkpatrick of Los Angeles, making a total of fifteen in the freshman class. These pledges we will initiate Feburary 2.

The chapter's birthday celebration is to be held January 31. As is traditional, the sophomores provide theatrical entertainment of some sort for the chapter and its alumnæ, and the weeks before are filled with many secret meetings, and much journeying of the class as a body to the home of some long-suffering mother for rehearsals. After the sophomore stunt this year, we are to have a short musical program.

One birthday celebration has already been held—a luncheon reunion given by the San Francisco alumnæ chapter, January 4. Those who went report that it was very successful as a chance to renew old friendships and make new, and to hear from the different parts of this great state of ours.

There are two points of great interest on the campus; the return of our President, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, from a trip through the Mediterranean countries which took him away from us all last semester; and the erection of a Campanile, a gift of Mrs. Sather who has already given the campus a gate for one of its entrances. Several years ago an architectural plan for the whole campus was drawn up and already four buildings have been erected under it. The Campanile is quite an architectural triumph and will make a beautiful spot on our campus with its straight shaft rising 240 feet and the bell-tower 50 feet above that. The whole campus has taken a very personal interest in its construction, the loafers on upperclass bench have adjourned sessions to watch the great steel girders swung into place and we are all developing new strength in the neck-muscles from gazing upwards.

Work on the Partheneia, the women's spring festival which takes

the form of a masque of maidenhood and womanhood, has begun. Out-door dancing classes are at work and committees are planning costumes and scenic effects. The masque this year is built on an Irish theme, representing the transition from maidenhood to womanhood.

27 January 1914

Catharine De Motte

'05-ex Ada Taylor has gone East.

'o6 Helen Wright visited in Berkeley lately and has returned to Santa Rosa where she is teaching.

'06 Helen Parker Finch (Mrs H. A.) is living in Cincinnati. Address: 3568 Eden ave. Avondale.

'10-ex Harriet Stringham was married Jan. 6, to William De Witt.

'11-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Roy Butler (Bernice Bronson) Jan. 23, a son, named Bronson.

'12 Helen Runyon Elliott (Mrs Amos) is living at 347 Ralston st, Reno, Nev.

'12 Carolyn Smedley, an affiliate from Alpha Beta, has given up the study of medicine and is preparing for a teacher's certificate in domestic science at Santa Barbara normal.

'12 Muriel Burnham came up to the city for Helen Runyon's wedding.

'10 Minnie Lee Noe is teaching English is Alameda.

'13-ex Lucile Addison announces April 15 as the date of her wedding.

'13 Dorothy Wilkinson spent Christmas in Paris and is now visiting Harriet Judd Elial (Mrs Paul) in Frankfort. Mrs Elial visited Pauline Fithian Watson during the holidays.

'14 Helen Waterman is chairman of the Costumes committee of the Partheneia.

'14 Clotilde Grunsky has been appointed editor of the Woman's Day Pelican, a special issue of the comic monthly.

'14-ex During Christmas vacation, several of the girls visited Mr and Mrs Morris Allen (Dorothea White). They bring back stories of a very happy couple in a very pretty home.

'15 Dorothy Edinger is on the staff of the Woman's Day Pelican.

'15 Belle Hechtmann has taken out a leave of absence for one semester.

'15 Dorothy Rieber is chairman of the Executive committee of the Partheneia.

'15 Irene Stratton has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis and will not return this semester.

'16-ex Elizabeth Wheeler has announced her engagement to Cotesworth Bradway Head, K 2. She will not return to college.

'16 Marion Christensen has been prevented from returning to college by an attack of pneumonia.

Miss De Luce of V. C. P. was initiated at the chapter house Jan. 23, by Mrs Chandler of San Francisco alumnæ chapter. A number of the alumnæ returned for the initiation.

Hazel Green, Beulah Neal and Frances Graham of Phi spent a night at the house before the birthday luncheon.

#### ALPHA BETA-SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

On the Sunday before Christmas we had our annual chapter party given by the sophomores. The girls had planned a surprise by having it in a class room instead of in one of the girls' rooms. The guests got there by following a series of notes left in strange places which led them finally to the scene of festivities. A large tree, red and green paper decorations, and rugs and pillows lent a true Christmas party appearance. After each one had opened her little presents—all jokes—refreshments were served.

The night before vacation we had the usual party and Christmas dinner followed by a "big" dance.

Before vacation Panhellenic, represented by five girls from each fraternity, gave a Christmas entertainment to about thirty children from a near-by factory. A magician, a tree, games, and story-telling (and the inevitable refreshments) kept them happy for over an hour.

In the annual declamation contest for the Cocks prizes, Bretta Crapster won first place, Margaret McIntosh, Pi Beta Phi, second, and Jessica Granville-Smith, third.

Mr. Powell, of Columbia is delivering a most excellent series of seven lectures on agriculture, one each Tuesday morning during January and February.

Isabel Jenkins '16, was one of four delegates sent by Swarthmore to the recent Student Volunteer Convention at Kansas City.

Miss Haslup, our District president, paid us a very pleasant visit over the week-end of January 17. On Friday night we took her to a basket ball game. Saturday afternoon we invited several girls from each of the other fraternities to a tea. In the evening we went to an informal dance in the boys' gymnasium, and after that had a Theta party in the chapter room.

30 January 1914

Marjorie T. Caldwell

'97 Lydia Williams Roberts (Mrs Walter) announces the birth of a son named Walter Gilbert.

'oo Born to Mr and Mrs Edson S. Harris (Caroline Comly) on Dec. 14, a son, Edson S. Harris jr.

'or May K. Flannery in connection with her work for Consumers' League, has supervised the publishing of a most interesting pamphlet relative to telephone girls.

'04 Anna Wolff Miller (Mrs Stanley R.) announces the birth of a son, Stanley R. Miller jr. on Dec. 22.

'04 Marguerite Campion is a member of the editorial staff of the Metropolitan magazine, and edits the book reviews.

'o6 Caroline Washburn Wells (Mrs Henry H.) has left for a tour of Florida with her husband.

'o6-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Frank I. Hull (Sarah Hunt) a daughter named Janet.

'06 Mary T. Janney and Spencer Lawrence Coxe,  $\Phi \Psi$ , were married Jan. 9. Emily Janney De Armond (Mrs J. K.) was matron-of-honor and Marjorie Matthews and Marion S. Comly bridesmaids.

'o6 Gertrude M. Adams expects to move from Philadelphia to Franklin, Pa. in March.

'07-ex Marjory W. Matthews has been visiting Philadelphia friends.

'12 Mildred G. Hoadley visited Swarthmore early in Feb.

'13 Catherine Williams entertained the chapter at her home on Jan. 21. We had an excellent supper and afterward an exceptionally profitable meeting.

'15-ex Helen Bernshouse has left college for this year to recuperate from an attack of scarlet fever. We hope she will return next fall.

#### ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Second semester begins February 10 and with it come thoughts of rushing. Each fraternity may have one party the cost of which must not exceed \$50. Theta drew February 23. A "cabaret party" to be held at the home of one of the girls has been planned. Attractive little tables placed near the walls leaving floor space for dancing, continuous music with vaudeville throughout the evening, will be the chief features. Until this time rushing is confined to Sunday afternoon calls. Calling in this way has not been satisfactory, as a Panhellenic reception generally takes place at each rushee's home. Pledge day is February 28.

We celebrated Founders'-day at the Woman's building on the

campus. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served there. We spent the evening guessing charades and dancing.

Five of us went to Cincinnati for the installation of Alpha Tau and were delightfully entertained by the baby chapter. There we had the opportunity of meeting one of our Founders, Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw, three of our grand officers and many Thetas from neighboring chapters We all came home full of enthusiasm and understanding better than ever the meaning of the Theta spirit.

Miss Green and Miss DeHaven, our District president, came to Columbus soon after Alpha Tau's installation. A joint alumnæ and active spread was given in their honor. We were delighted to have them with us even if it was only for a short time.

A report was made recently of the scholarship in the women's Panhellenic and we were proud to find that Theta ranked first.

There has been talk of changing the name of the Ohio State university to University of Ohio, but the Ohio university at Athens has protested so vehemently that the governor does not favor the change.

3 February 1914

Ruth Sigrist

Born to Dr and Mrs L. M. Lisle (Nell Brown) a daughter. Address: 1481 Madison ave. Columbus, O.

Clara Luse Scott (Mrs Herbert) of Portsmouth, O. spent several days in Columbus recently.

'10-ex Vesta Stephan Beem (Mrs Eugene) of Moundsville, W Va. is living in Columbus. Address: 2228 Summit st.

'11-ex Marie Schwartz Booth (Mrs Herbert) of Portsmouth spent the holidays with her parents.

'12-ex Mary May Eckley of Dayton was here recently.

'12 Ada May of Delaware was back for the Founders'-day celebration.

'12-ex Mary Louise Dun of Toledo was in Columbus during Jan.

'12-ex Helen Chariton has withdrawn from college because of her mother's ill health.

'12 Alpha Gamma extends her sympathy to Ruth Evans whose sister died recently.

'13 Florence Badjer Fowler (Mrs Harley) of Knoxville, Tenn. spent the holidays in Columbus with her parents.

'15-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur Carlile (Ruth Huntington) a son, Dec. 10.

'13 Florence Long who is teaching in Bellaire, O. spent her vacation with her parents.

'14-ex Lulu Thomas has returned home from Chicago where she spent a month visiting. She will enter the university next semester.

'15-ex Katherine Jones of Jackson, O. has announced her engagement to Mr William B. Cockley of the law faculty of Ohio state university. The wedding will take place in the early summer.

'15-ex Ruth Horton who is teaching in Linden Heights spent the Christmas vacation with her grandparents at Amanda, O.

'15-ex Florence Harvey of Oberlin, was in Columbus and visited at the home of Florence Long.

'15 Lucile Marshal of Cleveland spent the holidays in Columbus.

'15-ex Helen Sohl Eastman (Mrs John) of Wellesley, Mass. spent two weeks with her parents.

'16 Helene Patton went as delegate to the Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City.

'16 Helen Patton who is attending Vassar spent Christmas vacation with her parents.

Florence Minister, Helen Barnhill, Helen Guy Rivé King Bowman, and Ruth Sigrist attended the installation of Alpha Tau at Cincinnati.

#### ALPHA DELTA-GOUCHER COLLEGE

Still we add to our numbers! It was just before college closed for the Christmas holidays that Alpha Delta placed her pin on two very worthy sophomores, Mary Colt of Baltimore and Mildred Draper of Havana, Cuba. Already they have made their place in the life of the chapter and we are anxious for all our Theta sisters to know them.

We have something to look forward to with a great deal of pleasure and that is the inauguration of our President, Dr. Wm. Westley Guth, which will take place the second week in February. An extensive program has been prepared by the Board of trustees, the program will cover several days and no classes will be held during that time. Many delegates from other colleges and many alumnæ will return for the occasion. Doctor Goucher, our first president, will be present. Doctor Guth has only been with us a short time but he has undoubtedly won our hearts and the admiration of the people of Baltimore.

The Junior class is the champion class for basket ball and it is to be congratulated for it has held the cup since its entrance into college. Our alumnæ chapter arranges for Founders'-day and this year we had a very attractive luncheon at the college club.

31 January 1914

Dorothy Wilson

- '11 Married, Dec. 24, 1913, Allegra Covey to Mr Charles H. Richardson. Address: Louisville, Miss.
- '13 Dorothy Davis has announced her engagement to Mr Thomas Biddison of Baltimore, Md.
- '13 Mrs J. Rogers Swindell (Mary Wilson) is this winter in Cincinnati and St. Louis. She will go to Cuba in the spring.
- '16 Mary Colt visited Marie Styer of Norristown, Pa. during the Christmas holidays.
- '16 Mildred Draper visited her relatives in Washington, D. C. during the holidays.
  - '12 Ernestine Dulaney is now having her voice trained.
  - 'II Grace Bennett spent a few weeks at Atlantic City.
- 'II Adele Hopkins expects to be married in Feb. to Mr C. Edgar Phraeuer of Hanover.

Born to Mr and Mrs Fred Coe Taylor (Nancy Pussy) a daughter.

- '13 Helen Harrison will spend the month of Feb. at the Warner House, Baltimore.
- '12 Born to Dr and Mrs Edwin C. Town (Margaret Guetilius) a daughter, Jane.

#### ALPHA EPSILON-BROWN UNIVERSITY

Irene Seabury is traveling and studying in France and Italy.
Ruth Foster is teaching in the Classical high school, Providence, R. I.

#### ALPHA ZETA-BARNARD COLLEGE

On Friday evening, February 6, we expect to celebrate by attending our Junior ball which is to be held at the Waldorf Astoria this year. It seems a most appropriate time to hold it. As everyone is at this time in just the proper spirit for a dance.

On Thursday, January 15, the active chapter gave a shower for Bertha Junghaus at the home of Dorothy Herod '14.

On Monday evening, February 2, we had our first short and early dance and everyone proclaimed it a great success. Many of our alumnæ, and practically all of our active chapter were present.

On Saturday, January 24, Kappa Alpha Theta held a Reunion

Musical Tea at the Hotel Manhattan. It was quite an unusual party and every one enjoyed it immensely—we were very proud to have Mary Gray, '15, one of our active girls, participate in a dancing contest.

On Friday, January 30, Agnes Durant Halsey (Mrs.) gave a thé dansant at her home and many of the alumnæ and active chapter spent a most pleasant afternoon.

4 February 1914

Helen Gilleaudeau

'99 Aurelie Reynaud Chapman (Mrs) visited the active chapter Feb. 4.

'03 Agnes Durant Halsey (Mrs) visited the active chapter Feb. 4.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs Horace Lyons (Katharine Sickles) on Jan. 19, twin girls.

'II Agnes Denike will be married on Thursday, Feb. 5, to Joseph Murray.

#### ALPHA ETA-VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter our Christmas tree and Founders'-day were our largest entertainments. It may seem a little strange to have a Christmas tree without the tree, but we really did not miss the tree and our dining-room table proved a very good substitute. We had dinner together and, as usual, gave presents to the chapter house instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves. The center of the table was piled high with the presents and it was truly a queer looking array—useful as well as pretty things, a huge tin pan tied in the same dainty tissue paper as used to conceal a silver spoon.

We celebrated Founders'-day with an informal banquet at the house, for the active chapter and the alumnæ. This was followed by short talks from several of the girls. Bess Figley gave a history of Kappa Alpha Theta, Miss Stella Vaughn gave the history of Alpha Eta chapter; of course this was wonderfully interesting, especially to the girls who heard it for the first time; she told little personal incidents connected with the different alumnæ and made us feel that we really knew them. We are most fortunate in having Miss Stella, one who has been with the chapter from its beginning and who takes such an active interest in us all.

In December the Vanderbilt dramatic club presented A night off.

It was considered one of their best performances and much of its

success was due to Sara Southall, who had one of the leading rôles. Sara is one of the most loyal and efficient girls this chapter has ever had and we are distressed that we must lose her at mid-year, when she graduates.

Two of our freshmen, Mary Heiskell and Ellen Duffy were initiated just before Christmas, having passed up the work which delayed their initiation.

With pleasure we announce a new pledge, Henrietta Sperry of Nashville.

27 January 1914

Eunice B. Jackson

'08 Born a daughter, Louise, to Mr and Mrs E. P. Coppedge (Elizabeth Young). Address, 4726 Superior st. Cleveland, Ohio.

'07 Rose Ambrose Dowd (Mrs R.) is here for several weeks.

Stella Vaughn has recovered from a severe illness.

'08 Elise Handly and Katie Guill are working for the Master's degree at Vanderbilt this year.

'15-ex Marie Figley and Frances Slemmons attended the installation of Alpha Tau.

Maria Mason spent the week-end in Nashville.

'16-ex Roberta Dillon is spending a month in Florida on account of a nervous breakdown.

Ethel Lawrence, Epsilon, is teaching in Nashville this winter.

Mrs Tom Scoggins, Alpha, is making her home in Nashville.

#### ALPHA THETA-UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The winter term has begun. Alpha Theta began this term with a decrease of several members, whom we miss considerably. Ethel Randall was forced to withdraw because of illness, Sallie Wymer on account of the ill-health of her mother. Helen Lidstone has left us also, to be back in the spring.

The winter term is, as you may remember, the time of our greatest social activity. The first of the four big club dances took place on January 23. The cotillion was led by Lucy Johnson, now in the active chapter. The last of these dances must take place before Lent.

Our yearly banquet took place on January 15. Twenty-six Thetas surrounded the festive board eating amid the sports of clever toasts, and the echoes of rushing songs. We had with us Mrs. E. R.

Gafford (Alice Rankin, Kappa). Gladys Ritchie, our newest Theta, was initiated amidst the delights of her first Theta banquet.

On January 27, Founders'-day, the stunt party took place. Mary Gallagher, Gladys Ritchie, and Louise Storey being the "dramatis personae". Mary and Louise were last spring's initiates.

Closed season is allowing us one party a month, beginning with the winter term, for the freshmen. Our first was Saturday, January 24, une thé dansant, and a great success. The house was decorated as far as possible in Theta colors, and was sweet with narcissus. The refreshment committee proved itself most efficient, and the two courses were served daintily; also consumed approvingly. The girls were successful as leaders as well as partners, through the course of the twenty dances.

Cornelia L. Keasley

#### ALPHA IOTA-WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Initiation is set for February 7, and afterwards, alumnæ, active members, and initiates will feast together. This custom of having a joint banquet after initiation was started several years ago, and we intend to make it one of the traditions of our chapter.

One of the greatest pleasures we had in returning to college after the Christmas holidays was, that on January 7, we affiliated Margaret Stevens, Psi, and Sarah Vinsonhaler, Alpha Lambda, and we want to thank both chapters for having made it possible to add such welcome members to our circle.

At the Student Volunteer convention held in Kansas City this year, 755 colleges were represented. Of all the woman's fraternities represented there, Kappa Alpha Theta stood second in line with thirteen representatives, while Kappa Kappa Gamma had fifteen.

Washington university sent two representatives, Maria Bain, one of our sophomores, and a non-sorority girl. This convention is held once in a student generation, and for the purpose of obtaining volunteers from colleges for foreign missions.

The Young Women's Christian association of St. Louis is to give a pageant on January 30, entitled *The ministering of the gift*. There are to be four "episodes" showing the close relationship be-

tween the association, college, country, city and foreign missions. Washington university will be well represented, about forty girls taking part, of these, three Thetas have solo dances.

Up to the present time we have had no prospects of any desirable girls for mid-year, and so it looks as if all our efforts will be centered on our June rushees, who are as numerous as charming.

Harriette Newman

In The lone star, the annual musical comedy, given by the Quadrangle club, Marie Gallenkamp and Leuta Retter have the two leading women's parts.

Eugenia A. Hauck and Mr Oscar Buder were married Jan. 6, 1914. They are spending their honeymoon abroad.

Mrs Shine from our new Cincinnati chapter is visiting Ann Fisher.

The engagement of Julia Prewitt Brookes and Mr Charles E. Galt, an instructor in Washington university, was announced on Feb. 3.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The Christmas holidays with their joyous flutter and bustle have come and gone, leaving only a trail of happy memories in their wake. One of the pleasantest of our chapter memories is that of our Christmas tree, which was held shortly before the girls separated for the holidays. This occasion is always a very enjoyable one with Alpha Lambda, bringing together as it does, the alumnæ and active girls at a season when the ties of fraternal friendship seem peculiarly near and dear. The tree is always accompanied by a freshman entertainment, which this year took the form of a vaudeville, and was most heartily enjoyed by all.

Everyone is back again now, and settling down to the doubly hard work of rushing and preparing for the mid-year finals, which we are striving harder than ever to pass creditably, in view of the plan, adopted by the college authorities, to publish the relative standings of the various fraternities, at the opening of the February term. This will be something quite new at Washington, but with an unusually good record of scholarship during the past term, Alpha Lambda is confidently looking forward to the maintenance of the true Theta standard.

The matriculation day pledge, received with such bright hopes,

is beginning to look somewhat more dull, for we have found it to necessitate some three weeks of hard rushing, made even more difficult by the rule prohibiting the entertainment of high school girls in sorority houses, and also by the close proximity of final examinations. We have had numerous matinée parties and entertainments at the various girls' homes, but altogether there is a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the matriculation pledge, and we are looking forward to a semester pledging for next September.

25 January 1914

Helen Bryan

'13 The present address of Esther Cline is 140 Selden ave. Detroit, Mich.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs William Shannon (Agnes Lovejoy) a son, William Lovejoy.

'12 Ruth Sleicher was married last summer to Julian Smith, Δ T Δ. Mr and Mrs Smith are residing in Chicago, Ill. at 1340 Granville ave.

'16-ex Grace Jones visited us during Dec. She is at present attending the University of Montana.

'16-ex Randie Jeldness, '16-ex Margaret Johnson, '12 Robin McKinley, '14 Ruth Axtell, '16 Sophie Hogg, '13 Laurentine Meissner, all attended the installation of Alpha Sigma at Pullman.

'14-ex Elizabeth Fletcher is teaching this year at Othello, Wash.

'13-ex Helen Enegren is teaching this year at St. Anne's Hall, Seattle, Wash.

'14-ex Elgine Warren has our sincere love and sympathy in her present illness.

'13 Laurentine Meissner is librarian at the city library in Walla Walla.

'12 Ruth DePledge is teaching at Colfax, Wash.

'16 Betty Belmont has been forced to leave college because of her mother's illness.

Born to Mr and Mrs M. L. Baker (Lela Davis) a son, Vodra, Dec. 8, 1913.

Born to Mr and Mrs John E. Berkheimer (Ruby Snyder) a son, John Arthur, Oct. 1913.

Mr and Mrs C. O. Curtiss (Grace Ridgway) are leaving Seattle soon for their new home in Everett, Wash.

Born to Mr and Mrs A. G. Worthington (Dorothy Dean) a son, Arthur Dean, Nov. 5, 1913.

Born to Mr and Mrs J. Buckley (Phene Smith) a daughter, Margaret.

Mrs Robert Deland (Winnifred McLean) with her two children, is spending the winter in California.

'12 Beulah Holeman is superintendent of primary instruction at Hughson, Cal.

'12 Mrs Franklin Brokau (Fay Wright) was a guest in the city during the week of Dec. 3. Her address is Atchison, Pemberton Meadows, B. C.

#### ALPHA MU-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Second semester has now fairly begun, and Alpha Mu is very proud of her showing in the mid-year reports.

Initiation will take place February 11, followed the next night by Alpha Mu's fifth birthday banquet. By the time this Journal is published, the following names will have been added to our chapter roll: Dera Dulaney, Ethelyn Strodtman, Kate Child, Helena Wilbur, Margaret Mumford, Jane Quayle, and Winnifred Limerick.

The Student government association has recently been installed at Missouri, to insure more efficient self-government for university women.

Panhellenic has recently adopted the plan of entertaining, for sorority and for non-sorority girls. The sororities in a body were entertained at a dance on a Saturday afternoon several weeks ago; and a party will soon be given by Panhellenic for the non-sorority girls.

A new rule regarding scholarship requirement for initiation has been adopted by Panhellenic. Any freshman passing fifteen hours work in her first semester is eligible, as before; but failing of this, she must, in her second semester, pass at least fifteen hours out of sixteen carried. This supersedes the old twenty-four hour rule,—and was passed in preference to another rule, requiring sorority average to be up to non-sorority standing before allowing the sorority to initiate.

5 Feburary 1914

Temple Kean

'12 Bess Phillips is a guest at the Chapter house.

'17 Constance Limerick, who left college first semester on account of her health, has returned.

Violet McDougal, Alpha Omicron, who was affiliated with this chapter, left college second semester.

'07 Emmadine Langenberg, who was a recent guest for some time at the chapter house, has resumed teaching at Soldan high school, St. Louis.

'13 Marjorie Potts was married Dec. 6, to Mr Frank C. Mann,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . They are making their home in Springfield, Mo.

'13-ex Jim Wilson was married Dec. 3 to Mr Claud Ward. They are living in Stigler, Okla.

Anny Barck, Alpha Iota, is a guest at the house.

Estelle Land is also a guest at the house for initiation.

Married, Nettie B. Humfeld and P. J. Newman. Address: 914 Leavenworth st. Manhattan, Kan.

#### ALPHA NU-UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

We celebrated Founders'-day with our semester formal party. For this party we decided to give a ball for the freshmen, students, townspeople, and other fraternities. This event brought us Suzanne Staborn '13, to spend a few delightful days with us. Another joyful evening was spent in hearing the University Play, which is annually given by the Dramatic club. This time the play chosen was Barrie's The Old Maids of Quality street. Esther Birely, Grace Saner, and Diana Uline, each took a minor part in this play. Before the play opened the Young Women's Christian association held a candy sale, which proved fine—both for the association and the students.

The men's fraternities at the university have succeeded, by petitioning the faculty, in getting semester pledging; although the women have done nothing toward gaining it for themselves.

We were delighted to have our District president, Norma Hendricks, visit us for a few days. Her suggestions were all splendidly practical. We feel that we gained much by her visit.

'16 Isabell Gilbert has returned to the University. She will take up her work the second semester.

'16 Grace Jones, Alpha Lambda, has entered the University of Montana. She will take up her work the second semester.

Alpha Nu announces a new patroness, Mrs Newlen Whitlock.

'12 Leila Peacock, Psi, visited in the city for a few weeks.

### ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

That our college standing has been advanced from class B to class A rank is the latest word from the United States Bureau of education and the Association of American universities. The latter association has recommended that the A.B. degree granted here be

accepted by German institutions for applicants for Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Phi Beta Kappa and other honor societies will now find us eligible for chapters.

The Christmas holidays in Portland were filled with rushing parties of all descriptions given by the different sororities. They all choose this time and place to give their big formal parties, as the majority of the women students come from Portland. Our formal was a tea given at the home of Margaret Hawkins. The Portland alumnæ entertained the college chapter during the holidays with a most delightful luncheon at the home of Mrs. Helene Robinson Hendershott.

On the Friday before the Christmas holidays our underclassmen gave a dance, and again on January 18, they gave a more formal party. The next big class dance on the calendar is the Freshman glee, the second week of the new semester. Only college students will be allowed to attend owing to the crowded condition of the gymnasium, so rushing cannot be done at class dances as formerly.

Founders'-day was a most happy one with us this year. A great many of our town alumnæ were present at the banquet and for the stunts afterwards. Norma Hendricks gave a short interesting talk on the Founding of the Fraternity, and some of the freshmen were called upon for extemporaneous talks. After the banquet we were entertained by a high class show, and a number of interesting events in our lives were portrayed by shadows on a screen.

The seniors are anticipating their class Lottery dance. All the names were mixed up and drawn from a hat, the most amazing and comical combinations resulted. The senior men are growing mustaches for the occasion.

We were victorious in the Intersorority basketball series again this year, and now the much coveted cup adorns our mantle for all time. It was offered three years ago by the college paper, to go to the team which held it two years. Our team is composed of Hazel Rader, Bess Cowden, forwards; Charley Fenton, Mabel Smith, centers; Eleanor McClaine, Virginia Peterson, guards.

Initiation is to be February 28 and we will have fourteen new Thetas to introduce to you in our next letter. We are expecting many of the older girls from Portland, Albany, and other parts of the state to be with us at that time.

28 January 1914

Katharine Watson

'09 The engagement of Frances Nelson to Philip Carrol has been announced.

'10 Cornelia Pinkham Knapp of Spokane, Wash. visited us for a few days before the Christmas holidays.

'15-ex Elsie Bain spent the week-end of Jan. 18, with us.

'15-ex Gertie Taylor was a visitor for a few days with us this month.

#### ALPHA OMICRON-UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Since our last letter Alpha Omicron has added to her list of pledges Alva Jarboe and Pauline Carr. But we regret the loss of two pledges; Lucile Westerfelt who withdrew an account of illness, but who will be with us next semester and Elaine Buxton, who has gone to teach domestic science in the Enid high school.

Our university has been a center of attraction in the state the last few weeks, for we have had an art exhibit of paintings from the art galleries of New York and Philadelphia.

January 9, we had an informal dance at the house which the girls enjoyed very much. January 16, the Women's Panhellenic gave a very successful dance.

Alpha Omicron considered herself very lucky in having two delegates, Virginia Tolbert and Marian Brooks, at the Student Volunteer convention at Kansas City. There they met many Thetas from other chapters.

Luella Bretch has been elected president of the Zetalethian literary society. Marian Brooks has been placed on the Young Women's Christian association cabinet.

We will have our initiation February 20, followed by a banquet for the initiates and Saturday, February 21, we will give a dance in their honor at which we expect to have many of our alumnæ present, so it will be quite a reunion.

27 January 1914

Marian Stuart Brooks

'06 Born Dec. 29, to Mr and Mrs Everette Degolyer (Nellie Goodrich) a daughter.

'o6 Born Jan. 23, to Mr and Mrs George B. Parker (Adelaide Loomis) a son.

'11-ex Born Jan. 26 to Mr and Mrs W. King Larimore (Marjory Paxton) a daughter.

'09 Dec. 17, Pearl Goodrich was married to Earle Porter,  $\Sigma$  N. Mr Porter is instructor of Chemistry in the university.

'o<br/>6 The engagement has been announced of Merle Newby to Frank Buttram,<br/>  $\Sigma$  X.

'14 The engagement of Olive Eagleton to Elton B. Hunt,  $\Sigma$  X, has been announced.

'15 Dec. 2, Lorena Cruce christened the Municipal Bath House of Guthrie. She was accompanied by Marian Brooks.

#### ALPHA PI-UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Due to a mistake and a misunderstanding about registration, we have been unable to initiate Ruth Whithed, who was pledged last fall, until now. The matter was satisfactorily settled in Panhellenic, and on January 23 we held initiation at the home of Echo Turner. Ruth is a graduate of Vassar and is now taking home economics at North Dakota. She is the daughter of one of our patronesses.

The second big event was Founders'-day. We celebrated on Saturday, January 24. From two-thirty to three-thirty we had a business meeting, from four-thirty to five-thirty we entertained our patronesses at a reception in the Women's league rooms of the university—then at seven-thirty came our annual Founders'-day banquet, which served also as the initiation banquet of Ruth Whithed. She was given the honor of cutting the immense cake that was surrounded by forty-four candles, a candle for every birthday of Theta. Seventeen active members, three pledges, and three alumnæ gathered around the table to make merry and give toasts to Kappa Alpha Theta, and the banquet hall rang with fraternity songs. After the banquet, the girls went in a body over to the university gymnasium to a dancing party, but not before each girl had blown out a candle and given one sincere wish for Theta for the coming year.

We regret to say that we will lose Mrs. Ruediger, one of our patronesses, this year. Doctor Ruediger has been given the position of Director of a Municipal health laboratory at La Salle, Illinois. We will feel the loss keenly as Mrs. Ruediger was our patroness even when we were a local sorority.

The university is unfortunate in losing also Dean M. A. Brannon who is at the head of the academic department. Dean Brannon has been in the university twenty years and is one of our strongest men. He has been given the position of President of Idaho university.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual Junior prom. It will be given February 13, in the university gymnasium, and is the biggest event of our social year.

Another event of great interest here, is the Carney song contest. Every year Mr. Carney, a graduate of this university, gives fifty dollars to the class in college which can sing the best. Each class composes two class songs and two university songs, and at the contest there is much competition between the classes. These contests arouse a great deal of interest not only in college but also here in the city.

25 January 1914

Catherine L. Hixon

'08 The girls of Alpha Pi extend their sincerest sympathy to Mrs Deasom (Aletta Olson) who lost her little baby recently.

'08 Emily Nash who is studying music in Chicago, was here during Christmas vacation.

'10 Faith Grinnell Conmy (Mrs E. T.) and son, of Fargo, spent Christmas vacation here in the city.

'10 Jean Fraser visited the girls and was here for initiation.

'10 Miss Laveayea, Upsilon, visited the girls of Alpha Pi last month. We gave a tea for her to meet the active chapter and town alumnæ, at the girls' dormitory.

'11 La Belle Mahon has given up her work in Wesley college and is now staying at home in Langdon, N. D.

'11 Rose Conmy visited the chapter this month.

'12 Mrs McBride (Pearl Monroe) is coaching the Casselton high school girls in basketball.

'13 Gertrude Cunningham, Alice Kolars, Minnie Steinbar, Anne McIlraith, and Jessie Budge, were all together here at Christmas time for a reunion.

'13-ex Helen Barnes will return to take up her work at the university next semester.

'13-ex Vera Markell has returned and is continuing her studies at the university.

'13 Gretche Oeschger visited the chapter for a few days last month.

'13-ex Ethel Renwick who is teaching at Cavalier, came up for a short visit and will come up again for the "Prom".

#### ALPHA RHO-UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

We are now planning for the one day of the year which we feel is our very own. It is Founders'-day and on that day we expect to initiate our four pledges in the afternoon and have our banquet in the evening. Our new officers will take their places at that time.

We have a number of girls taking part in the various university activities and we were so fortunate as to have one delegate to that wonderful student volunteer convention. Grace Sargent, who is doing postgraduate work here, has the leading part in the Shakespearian play given by the Mask and Wig Dramatic club. Two of our girls also have parts in the Sophomore play and one in the Ulethian literary play.

The honor system was tried to some extent during the mid-year examinations. It was so successful that we hope it will be used altogether in the spring.

The University people are looking forward to the coming of their new president, Doctor Slagle. During the past year we have had commission government by five deans, so we will not only have a new president but a new system of government as well.

29 January 1914

Ella Gray

Miss Leila Peacock, Psi, was a visitor at one chapter meeting in Jan.

- '13 Bonnie Beebe and Jay Williams, A K E, were married in Jan.
- '12 Ann Beckmann and J. W. Mather, E A E, were married in Nov.
- '12 Raeburn and Ann Gilchriest mourn the loss of their father who died Jan. 26.

#### ALPHA SIGMA-WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

How anxiously we all awaited the coming of the January number of the Journal and how pleased we were when we saw our Installation pictures and the views of our college given such excellent places by our editor. We feel now that you know us a little better—for we have met and learned to know so many of our sisters through the pages of the Journal. Especially did we appreciate

Mrs. Hart's delightful account of Installation. It made us very happy, and our welcome into the Theta world by the various chapter letters has certainly done much to make us know more fully what a privilege is ours. Oh! we are learning every day!

Initiation is set for February 14 when at least seven and possibly ten of our first semester pledges will wear the kite. We are rather excited about it all—we had hoped to have Norma Hendricks with us to help, but as it is impossible for her to come, we must conduct our first initiation all alone. But we have the excellent help of Marion Swezey and our resident Thetas so we hope for the best.

February 2, Registration Day for the second semester, brought us a new pledge Mayfair Holcanb, and we feel that in her Alpha Sigma has gained another strong girl.

As Founders'-day came in the midst of examinations we just wore our colors, but on the Saturday following we celebrated with a Kensington at the chapter house. All active pledges, members and alumnæ were present, and those who had no sewing of their own to do were asked to hem one of the dozen beautiful napkins which our patronesses, Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Bryan, gave us for Christmas. At 5:30 P. M. we served a buffet luncheon.

Since Christmas vacation, events have been few and far between, but with the opening of the new semester and the basketball season we hope for renewed energy and a display of college spirit worthy of our student body.

2 February 1914

Jean King

'09 Lora Green has announced her engagement to Mr Walter Holt, Σ N.
'14 Melcina La Follette has announced her engagement to Mr Frank
Vincent,

#### ALPHA TAU-CINCINNATI UNIVERSITY

Our life in Theta has been very happy and along with our efforts to have marks that our fraternity will approve of, we have had lots of good times on the side.

Each fraternity is allowed one rush party. Ours was January 10, a thé-dansant, which the freshman girls apparently enjoyed despite the absence of men, who are never allowed at parties of this kind.

All invitations go out February 10 and excitement will be hard to subdue until that date is past. Panhellenic rules are very stringent and we are making an effort to do away with much of their pettiness—with this in view, Miss Green suggested that each fraternity have a delegate from its alumnæ to meet with the active Panhellenic girls. This has been adopted among the five fraternities, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi Psi, Chi Omega and Kappa Delta, and Mrs. William P. Burris (Harriet Clearwaters, Alpha '90) whose husband is a Dean at the university, is to be our alumna delegate.

A Chi Omega charter was granted in December, to Phi Delta Kappa, a local here, and the installation took place the day before Christmas. This leaves only one local sorority at Cincinnati. The new Chi Omega chapter entertained with a thé-dansant for the sororities and fraternities on the afternoon of January 24.

We are delighted to welcome to Cincinnati Mrs. J. R. Swindell, jr. (Mary Wilson, Alpha Delta '13) who was married in October. She attended the alumnæ meeting held on January 17 and came from there to a "spread" given by the college girls, thus having an opportunity to meet us all soon after her arrival.

Founders'-day came in the midst of examinations and we regretted that wearing the colors was the only way in which we could express our love and appreciation to our Founders. However, we celebrated with an informal party at the home of Saradelle Emerson, the week before.

The alumnæ chapter held its first real meeting January 17, with Mrs. H. A. Finch (Helen Parker, Omega '06) who is the alumna advisor of the active girls.

28 January 1914

Margaret Clarke Rucker

- '10 Harriet Belle Reid has announced her engagement to Mr Charley Merkel.
  - '10 Martha Rule was married in Oct. to Mr Richard Redwood Dupree.
  - '10 Christine Porter has announced her engagement to Dr. William Graff.
- '12 Lucie Pfleger is visiting her aunt, Mrs W. C. Bedlack, in Lancaster, Pa.
- '13 Mary Wilson (Mrs J. P. Swindell, jr) Alpha Delta, is now living in Cincinnati.

Alpha Tau chapter wishes to extend its deepest love and sympathy to Mrs Burris at the loss of her mother.

'12 Margory Beard, Epsilon, while visiting in Cincinnati, came up to the university to meet her new sisters.

Mrs Burris and Mrs Finch were invited to attend the luncheon given at Indianapolis to celebrate Founders'-day.

#### **EXCHANGES**

College chapters take note of this.

It is not sufficient to enlist so many recruits every year, important though that is; nor yet to house the members elegantly, pleasant as that may be. Are you training these recruits for useful work, in college and afterwards? Is the chapter house a home of scholarship and positive character? Here are the vital things on which alumni will and undergraduates must insist, since their stake in a vigorous chapter life is the same. To serve faithfully and well both college and fraternity is ambition enough for any chapter—and not least for one in its youth.— $\Delta \Upsilon$  Quarterly.

For the alumnæ chapters.

It was a whole sermon to me, and I am just meanly hypercritical enough to believe that a few Alpha Chis could juggle with it as a text at least.

We had been enjoying the privilege of an enthusiastic and inspiring talk from our incomparable inspector—Mrs. Crann.

We were not an old Alumnæ Chapter, worn with years of labor, and someway we had not yet gotten the fires burning. We had husbands (bless 'em) who wanted us—children who cried for us; clubs and all other sorts of cudgels which drove us as willing, sweet, smiling slaves to everything except alumnæ duties.

Among a few reasonable things Mrs. Crann suggested, was the idea of asking each alumna girl to visit the active chapter freshmen about twice a year and give them a little sisterly talk. When the question went around the circle "Will you"? "And you"? there were excuses enough to have sent Mrs. Crann away with a well defined fit of ague; but the little woman who preached that sermon was she who said, with face aglow—"I'd love to." And she looked as though she wanted to do it at once! And dear sisters—mark this: She is one of the very gentle ones who shrinks from things conspicuous, but whose heart is right.

I shall not tell you where this cold chapter is, for we shall be warmer soon and do some one some good, I hope.

But you think it over, and when your president says—"Will you"? just watch her face when you answer "I'd love to".—A X  $\Omega$  The Lyre.

#### DIRECTORY

#### KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Founded at Asbury (now DePauw) university, January 27, 1870.

Founders: Bettie Locke (Mrs. E. A. Hamilton) Alice Allen (Mrs. T. J. Brant)\*

Bettie Tipton (Mrs. J. H. Lindsey)\* Hannah Fitch (Mrs. A. Shaw).

#### GRAND COUNCIL

Grand President—RUTH HAYNES CARPENTER (Mrs. L. F.) 711 East River Drive, Minneapolis, Minn.

Grand vice-president-Hope Davis, 2051 N. Delaware st. Indianapolis, Ind.

Grand secretary-L. PEARLE GREEN, 15 East ave. Ithaca, N. Y.

Grand treasurer—MARTHA CLINE HUFFMAN (Mrs. Y. B.) Merna, Nebr. Editor—L. PEARLE GREEN, 15 East ave. Ithaca, N. Y.

#### COMMITTEES

Service Board—Chairman, Mrs. Geo. Fitch, 2406 Main St., Peoria, Ill. Scholarship fund—Chairman, Ada Heinemann, 500 Maylin st. Pasadena, Calif. Corresponding secretary—Jane Spalding, 134 N. Gates st. Los Angeles, Calif.

Financial secretary—RAY HANNA, 418 E. 37th st. Los Angeles, Calif. Education—Phi alumnæ, chairman, KATHARINE LINDSAY, 1341 Mt. Royal ave. Baltimore, Md.

Archives-Mrs. E. P. Cubberley, Stanford University, Calif.

#### NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONGRESS

Delegate for Kappa Alpha Theta—Eva R. Hall, 327 W. Sycamore st. Sycamore, Ill.

Chairman-Mrs. J. H. CRANN, Alpha Chi Omega, 610 Colorado st. Davenport, Iowa.

#### COLLEGE CHAPTERS

#### DISTRICT ONE

District president—Sarah E. Cotton, 5432 University ave. Indianapolis, Ind. Alpha—1870 DePauw university—Florence Haupt, Theta house, Greencastle, Ind.

Beta-1870 Indiana state university—Mary Jane Rieman, Theta house, Bloomington, Ind.

GAMMA—1874 Butler college—Elizabeth Stephenson, 304 S. Ritter ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

ALPHA ETA-1904 Vanderbilt university-Bess Figley, 2210 Highland ave. Nashville, Tenn.

#### DISTRICT TWO

District president—Louise Shipman Wagner (Mrs. Fritz, jr.) 1902 Sunnyside ave. Chicago, Ill.

Delta-1875 University of Illinois-Marguerite Bennett, 901 S. Wright st. Champaign, Ill.

Tau-1887 Northwestern university—Helen Borton, 1827 Asbury ave. Evanston, Ill.

UPSILON-1889 University of Minnesota-Althea Heitsmith, 506 7th st. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

Psi-1890 University of Wisconsin-Helen Pence, 168 Prospect ave. Madison, Wis.

ALPHA PI-1911 University of North Dakota-Olga H. Serumgard, Box 1132, University, N. D.

#### DISTRICT THREE

District president—Jessamine DeHaven, 109 Green st. Connellsville, Pa. ETA—1879 University of Michigan—Frances Lakin, 718 S. Ingalls st. Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mu-1881 Allegheny college-Margaret M. Simpson, Hulings hall, Meadville, Pa.

Alpha Gamma—1892 Ohio State university—Helen Barnhill, 17 12th ave. Columbus, Ohio.

ALPHA TAU-1913 University of Cincinnati-C. Marie Thiesing, 3019 Bathgate st. Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### DISTRICT FOUR

District president—Mabel Millman Hincks (Mrs. C. M.) 735 Bloor st. West, Toronto, Ontario, Can.

IOTA—1881 Cornell university—Louise C. Bontecou, Sage college, Ithaca, N. Y. LAMBDA—1881 University of Vermont—Jeanette M. Sparrow, 411 Main st. Burlington, Vt.

SIGMA—1887 Toronto university—Mary Beatrice Millman, 490 Huron st. Toronto, Ontario, Can.

CHI-1889 Syracuse university—Thyra Stiles, 306 Walnut place, Syracuse, N. Y.

#### DISTRICT FIVE

District president—HAZEL ALLISON FORDE (Mrs. E. M.) 1413 Rural St. Emporia, Kan.

KAPPA—1881 University of Kansas—Myra Stevens, 1116 Indiana st. Lawrence,

RHO-1887 University of Nebraska-Helen Koehler, 423 N. 13th st. Lincoln, Nebr.

ALPHA IOTA-1906 Washington university—Helen Anderson, McMillan hall, Washington university, St. Louis, Mo.

ALPHA MU-1909 University of Missouri-Olive R. Koken, 511 Hitt st. Columbia, Mo.

ALPHA RHO-1912 University of South Dakota-Ella Royhl, Vermilion, S. D.

#### DISTRICT SIX

District president—GRACE LAVAYEA, 1728 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

PHI—1889 Stanford university—A. Margaret Hanna, Stanford University, Cal. OMEGA—1890 University of California—Dorothy Edinger, 2409 Bowditch ave. Berkeley, Calif.

#### DISTRICT SEVEN

District president—Ruth Haslup, 2517 N. Calvert st. Baltimore, Md. Alpha Beta—1891 Swarthmore college—Martha T. Speakman, Swarthmore college, Swarthmore, Pa.

Alpha Delta—1896 Goucher college—Helen Frisch, 314 Woodland Road, Roland Park, Md.

ALPHA ZETA—1898 Barnard college—Virginia Pulleyn, 171 W. 94th st. New York, N. Y.

ALPHA KAPPA—1907 Adelphi college—Marguerite Behman, Adelphi college, Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### DISTRICT EIGHT

District president—GEORGINA LYMAN EDWARDS (Mrs. P. C.) care Houston Press, Houston, Tex.

Alpha Theta—1904 University of Texas—Ethel I. Allen, 2503 Whitis ave. Austin, Tex.

ALPHA OMICRON—1909 University of Oklahoma—Freda M. Reed, Theta house, Norman, Okla.

#### DISTRICT NINE

District president-Norma Hendricks, 764 Lawrence st. Eugene, Ore.

ALPHA LAMBDA—1908 University of Washington—Mabel F. Remsberg, 4710 17th ave. N. E. Seattle, Wash.

ALPHA NU-1909 Montana state university-Esther M. Birely, Craig hall, Missoula, Mont.

ALPHA XI-1909 Oregon state university—Palm Cowden, 12th and Hilyard sts. Eugene, Ore.

ALPHA SIGMA—1913 Washingon state college—Melcena LaFollette, 500 California st. Pullman, Wash.

#### ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS

Baltimore 1910—Emilie C. Dunbar, 1900 St. Paul st. Baltimore, Md. Burlington 1898—Mrs. G. E. McIntyre, 199 S. Union St. Burlington, Vt. Chicago 1896—Jessie Farr, 1806 Wesley ave. Evanston, Ill. Cincinnati 1913—Ruth Hyndman, 324 Mills st. Wyoming, Cincinnati, Ohio. Cleveland 1903—Mrs. W. L. Chandler, 1235 E. 99th st. Cleveland, Ohio. Columbus 1897—Emma Blesch, 198 S. 3d st. Columbus, Ohio. Denver 1909—Myrna C. Langley, 127 E. 4th ave. Denver, Col. Detroit 1913—Josephine Davis, 30 Elmwood ave. Detroit, Mich. Evanston 1910—Mrs. Frank Murray, 522 Church St. Evanston, Ill. Greencastle 1893—Ruth Post, 916 S. College ave. Greencastle, Ind. Indianapolis 1897—Mrs. George C. Witt, 466 N. Randolph st. Indianapolis, Ind.

KANSAS CITY 1903—Gale Gossett, 1106 Wyandotte st. Kansas City, Mo. LINCOLN 1909—Laura Hainer, 1339 S. 19th st. Lincoln, Nebr. Los Angeles 1901—Hazel M. White, 425 S. Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. MADISON 1912—Helen L. Gilman, 115 Langdon st. Madison, Wis. New York 1895—Mrs. H. W. Wilson, 39 Mamaroneck Ave. White Plains, N. Y.

OMAHA 1910—Mrs. Robert Gantt, 3507 Dewey ave. Omaha, Nebr. Philadelphia 1898—Mrs F. W. D 'Olier, 50 E. Oak ave. Moorestown, N. J. Pittsburgh 1902—Ruth Townley, 1145 Wightman st. Pittsburgh, Pa. Portland 1911—Mrs. H. M. Hendershott, 680 Broadway, Portland, Ore. Providence 1912—Ethel G. Westcott, 303 Massachusetts ave. Providence, R. I. St. Louis 1909—Julia Prewitt Brooks, 3557 Lafayette ave. St. Louis, Mo. San Francisco 1909—Minnette Miller, 636 Scenic ave. Piedmont, Calif.

SEATTLE 1908—Mrs. L. J. Knapp, 5014 15th ave. N. E. Seattle, Wash. SPOKANE 1913—Mildred M. Healey, N. 1328 Hollis st. Spokane, Wash. SYRACUSE 1903—Mrs. G. H. Stark, No. 4, The Snowdon, James st. Syracuse. N. Y.

TOPEKA 1909-Mrs. W. F. Bowen, 801 Western ave. Topeka, Kans.

TORONTO 1911-Mary Kentner, 5 Chicora ave. Toronto, Ontario, Can.

Twin Cities 1895-Mrs. Paul Carpenter, 2617 Fremont ave. S. Minneapolis, Minn.

VERMILION 1914-May L. Jolley, Vermilion, S. D.

Promptly notify the Editor of any change in office or address of Corresponding Secretary.

#### ALUMNÆ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Baltimore alumnæ—Meets at 12:30 on the first Saturday of each month at homes of members.

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ—Meets regularly at noon on the third Saturday of each month at Fields' tea room.

CLEVELAND ALUMNÆ—Meets second Saturday of each month at the homes of members. All Thetas welcome. Call Mrs. W. L. Chandler, 1235 E. 99th st. (phone, Eddy 1552 J) for information as to place of a meeting.

COLUMBUS ALUMNÆ—Meets the first Saturday of each month at the homes of members. Call Emma Blesch, 198 S. 3d st. Citizens Phone 2826, for details.

Detroit Alumnæ—Meets the first Saturday of each month at the College club, 401 Woodward ave. Visiting Thetas are cordially invited. Call Miss Bertha Ballard, 133 Green Ave. (Phone, Cedar 829R.)

Indianapolis alumnæ—Visiting Thetas are cordially invited to attend the meetings of our chapter, which occur the first Saturday afternoon of each month. For information concerning the same, call up Mrs. F. V. Smith, Bell Phone, North 2180, or Mrs. H. R. McKinstray, New Phone, 8682.

PITTSBURGH ALUMNÆ—Meeting first Saturday of the month, time 2:30 P. M. Visiting Thetas are always welcome.

70 Days Six Countries
Educational

\$575 Inclusive

Small Party First Class Pleasurable

#### SUMMER

## FOURTH ANNUAL EUROPEAN TOUR 1914

Steamship accommodations obtained by immediate membership

ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED BY
Homer A. Stebbins, LL.B., PH.D.
431 W. 121st St., N. Y. C.

SEND FOR CIRCULARS

DO IT NOW

### The Hoover & Smith Co.

616 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA

DIAMOND MERCHANTS
JEWELERS AND SILVERSMITHS

# Kappa Alpha Theta's Official Fraternity Jeweler

"If you want the finest pin made, and novelties of the best quality,

We Make 'Em."

SPECIALISTS IN

MEDALS

PRIZES

TROPHIES

# Baird's Manual

**AMERICAN** 

COLLEGE

**FRATERNITIES** 

New and Seventh (1912) Edition now ready

This Book is replete with information of interest to all members of College Fraternities. It contains Histories of each of the Men's General Fraternities, the Women's General Fraternities, the Men's Local Fraternities, Professional Fraternities, Honorary Fraternities and Miscellaneous Greek Letter Fraternities; a Directory of Colleges and Chapters, Statistical Tables of great interest, a complete Bibliography of Fraternity publications and information concerning Chapter House ownership and valuations. In short, the Seventh Edition is a complete Cyclopedia of Fraternity Information. Contains nearly 800 pages printed matter. It is strongly bound in buckram and the price is \$2.50 per copy, postage prepaid.

Send in your orders through this publication